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## So Glad You Came.

### WHAT THEY BOTH SAID.

When Mrs. Bilby Called At Mrs. Turkinton's.

Mrs. Bilby was making a call at Mrs. Turkinton's, and the conversation was as follows:

"You know our next door neighbor, Mrs. Dorrickman?"

"Walks with a crutch—"

"Uh-huh."

"But she does it gracefully, considering—"

"Yes."

"She had to go down town yesterday morning, so—"

"Uh-huh."

"She went out the front way—"

"Yes."

"And down the front steps—"

"Uh-huh."

"Very carefully—"

"Uh-huh."

"And she got to the bottom of the steps all right—"

"Uh-huh."

"But the walk was very slippery—"

"I know."

"And just as she started to walk—"

"Uh-huh."

"She slipped and—"

"Uh-huh. I know it. I told James just before I started over to your house that it was awfully slippery—"

"Uh-huh."

"And he'd better be—"

"Uh-huh."

"Very careful—"

"Uh-huh."

"But he wouldn't—"

"Uh-huh."

"Listen to me—"

"Uh-huh."

"And just as he—"

"Uh-huh. I haven't a doubt of it. You remember that winter when—"

"Uh-huh."

## The Four B's.

### BAGLEY'S PRESENTIMENT.

He Had Presentiment of Danger That Haunted Him.

The death of Koenig Bagley recalls a story written after an interview with him on April 29th, which was suppressed by the censor, who feared that it might cause Bagley's friends unnecessary alarm.

From the Herald's dispatch book, Albert F. Dowey, I had borrowed the Winstons to take papers and news bulletins to Lieutenant Bernard. After talking for some minutes with him I turned to Ensign Bagley with some remark about the troubles which had befallen his fellow executive officers of the torpedo boat fleet. His rejoinder was:

"Yes, I hear that. Boyd (of the torpedo boat Cushing) is in trouble through no fault of his own. That puts it right up to me. I worry about Boyd, for I am sure that the accident to the Cushing was not due to his carelessness. Now, I suppose you will say that I am superstitious, but I must admit that the fatalities which have pursued us have given me some moments of sombre thought."

"There was poor Brockbridge, my classmate, executive officer of the Cushing, who was swept overboard between Key West and Havana and drowned. Then Bostwick, executive officer of the Eriason, who was knocked overboard in a collision with a schooner, had his chest pierced and was all but drowned. He is now slowly recovering. Baldwin, executive officer of the Cushing, successor of Brockbridge and predecessor of Boyd, took his turn next. He was knocked down an open hatchway and had his ribs broken. He will not be out of the hospital until the war is over."

"Then they are, the four 'B's'—Brockbridge, Bostwick, Baldwin and Boyd. I am the fifth and last—Bagley. I have never been superstitious, but for a week I have had mysterious intuitions that I am not to escape. I will make the list complete—of that I am certain. I only hope that my troubles will not be serious enough to take me out of the fight."

PROVERBS.

1. "I have been young and now I am old yet have I never seen" a lazy farmer prosper nor a careless farmer grow rich.

2. "All the ways of a man are right in his own eyes," but the Lord giveth the crop to him who worketh it well.

3. "Better is a dinner of herbs," than from thine own garden than much rich provender bought on credit.

4. "In all labor there is profit," but cotton grows not upon careless weeds nor potatoes upon bare grass.

5. Improved implements are a blessing to the wise farmer, but the fool halloweth them in his fence corner.

6. The wise man planteth an orchard and foweth it securely and in the season thereof he saith fruit to the utmost of his desire, but the fool turneth his heaves therein and layeth more trees the next year.

7. Blessed is he who soweth what his own household can eat, and after that a man may eat.

But he who farmeth for money alone shall be hungry at harvest time.

### A DISAPPOINTED PATRIOT.

The cross-road inhabitant didn't know that his war was coming. For the first time in five years, accompanied by his wife, he had driven to town in the ox cart, and was "down" some trading in a village store when a regiment of soldi'rs filed past.

"Hello," he shouted, "what's up?"

"We're fighting 'Spain now," explained the storekeeper.

"Fighting 'Spain?"

"That's what!"

He rushed to the door and, craning his neck far out, cried, excitedly:

"Durned if they ain't goin' ter fight somebody! Yawd's Matt Wilkins, an' Joe Stranges, an'—Lead bless me!—that ain't 'War' Williams, that I fit with in Virginia! Gimme my gun!"

He reached for his rifle in the next minute, gave an old-time rebel yell, in two minutes time he had caught up with the rear ranks and was marching along!

The captain objected and tried to push him aside, but it was useless. The whole squad of men was then halted and charged bayonets on him until he was forced back into the store.

"Durn this here new order 'n' things!" he growled as he joined his wife. "They was glad enough to git me when Lee wuz in the field, but a old veteran don't stand no chance now!"

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## As Unto The Lord.

### LITTLE TOMMY GREEN.

She Was Planning How To Smooth Out The Rough Places In Her Neighbors' Lives.

"She was only a poor, plain, frocked woman, whose clothes were of the fashion her mother might have worn, yet day by day, as she busily plied her iron, many a humble neighbor would stop by her door to listen to the quaint old hymns she sang so vigorously."

"My good woman," said Mrs. G—who had called to engage her services—"how can you stand all day in this hot room, always ironing, and yet singing, so cheerily?"

"Ah, my dear lady," she replied, "the Lord has given me this work to do; so when I am tired and out of sorts, I say to myself that verse about doing things heartily, as unto the Lord, and try to think how I'd feel if I could see him standing by my side and He knew I had an unwilling heart for his tasks. Then I sing my brightest hymns, and while my iron smoothes out the wrinkles in the clothes, I'm planning how to smooth out the rough places in my neighbors' lives."

"Little Tommy Green, in the room above me, has a weakness in his back, and lies on the cot from morning till night. His mother works in a factory and doesn't come till dark. When he's lonely and sick with the pain, he pounds on the floor with a stick, and I sing the hymns he likes best, and he lies quiet and hums them over to himself till he falls asleep. Then once in a while I slip up with a cup of water and bits of picture papers that come wrapped around the clothes, and give him a pleasant word. Ah, ma'am, the Lord is good to me, I must try to help them that have so few blessings!"

And this thankful woman lived in a little hot room, spending her whole life ironing and smoothing out wrinkles for others—The King's Horn.

### WAR TIME PHILOSOPHY.

It's mighty strange, but de man what hold de longest for war is de hardest one for de war ter loose.

It's all right ter carry a Bible wid you in de war, but you ain't got time fer faultily prayers when de handbells is dyin'.

De ain't much use in sendin' treats ter de soldiers, kaze when de fire git too hot for 'em, dey'll make tracks fast enough.

De Bible say you must love yo' enemies. But if you done dat in time of war whar would you be.

De got guns now dat'll shoot twenty mile, an de best or it is dey don't make no fuss 'fall twell dey gits dar.

I have been suffering chronic from diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—P. E. Grisham Gears Mills, La.

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### A PATRIOTIC PETITION.

At a rural camping, recently, the preacher who was leading the services, touched on the war with Spain, and stopping suddenly in his sermon, called to an old colored brother in the congregation:

"B'r'r Williams, I'm gwine ter ax you ter git right down on yo' knees on pray fer de success 'o' de American arm'."

B'r'r Williams "got down" immediately, and in the course of his petition, he said:

"Oh, Lawd, hep' de American arms, an' Lawd, whilst you lookin' after de arms, take keer er de legs, too! Don't forget de legs, good Lawd, kaze we gwine need 'em ter run wid! Take de arms, if you must, but—pare de legs, Lawd—spare de legs!"

### THE SMALL PUPIL ON WAR.

"My pa has gone to fight the Spaniards and they ain't been no row at the house since he left. My says Peace was declared when he went. An Pa—he wrote home an said he thanks God for war, as he hopes he'll have a holiday, as he said, he hopes the war'll last ten years, an then end so far from home that he can't get back, an when Ma read that she said, 'Awed! They goss on chow that way. But I guess if Pa was killed she'd put on mourning for him, an make out like she was sorry. Men is curious, but women is curi-ous, an neither one knows more'n they arter know."

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## A Word To The Wise.

### RECKONING WITH RUM.

How Old "John Barley" Failed To Keep His Promises.

A thickset, ugly looking fellow was seated on a bench in the public park and seemed to be reading some writing on a sheet of paper which he held in his hand.

"You seem to be much interested in your writing," I said.

"Yes, I've been figuring my accounts with old alcohol, to see how we stand."

"And he comes out ahead, I suppose?"

"Every time."

"How did you come to have dealings with him in the first place?"

"That's what I've been writing. You see, he promised to make a man of me, but he made me a beast. Then he said he would brace me up, but he made me go staggering around, and then threw me into the ditch."

"He said I must drink to be social. Then he made me quarrel with my best friends and be the laughing stock of my enemies. He gave me a black eye and a broken nose. Then I drank for my health. He ruined the little I had, and left me 'tick as a dog."

"Of course."

"He said he would warm me up, and I was soon nearly frozen to death. He said he would steady my nerves, but instead he gave me delirium tremens. He said he would give me a great strength, and he made me helpless."

"To be sure."

"He promised me courage."

"Then what followed?"

"Then he made me a coward, for I beat my sick wife and kicked my little sick child. He said he would brighten my wit, but instead he made me act like a fool and talk like an idiot. He promised to make a gentleman of me, but he made me a tramp."

## Resources Of Cuba.

### HER PROSPECTS FOR PROSPERITY WHEN A LASTING PEACE COMES.

The Choicest Lands In California Cannot Approach The Soil of Cuba In Fertility—The Mineral Wealth of The Island—It Is An Agricultural Paradise.

Now that Cuba is assured of her freedom, it may be interesting to inquire into the resources of the country, and ask what may be her prospects for prosperity when she is no longer restrained and overtaxed by the greedy government of Spain. The area of Cuba is about 42,000 square miles. Its greatest length is 720 miles, and its breadth ranges from 20 to 135 miles. Perhaps there is no space of earth the equal in size to Cuba that can begin to compare with her in the production of those things that are useful to man. Antonio Morales, a noted authority, has prepared a table showing the variety and quantities of the staples that can be raised on a tract of thirty-three acres in Cuba. A farm of that size in one year produces thousands of pounds of sugar, coffee, tobacco, cacao (chocolate), cotton, indigo, rice, eggs, bananas and yuca. The choicest lands in California—noted for the variety and quantity of their products—cannot approach the soil of Cuba in this respect. With its mild climate, its exuberant vegetation and the eagerness of the earth to respond to the slightest efforts in the way of culture, Cuba offers an ideal home for the man in love with the agricultural life.

The commerce of Cuba, even under the blighting rule of the Spaniard, has been great. In 1893, before the course of war fell on the island, Cuba exported 718,204 tons of sugar, and produced 815,894 tons. Its exports of molasses to the United States alone in that year were 754 hogheads. Of rum the exports were 1807 pipes. In 1893 the Cuban exports of leaf tobacco were 227,865 bales. Of manufactured cigars 147,365,000 were exported, and of cigarettes 59,581,433 packages. These are only the main exports. They show what may be done with the exhausted soil and climate of the island, when its people were in a condition of virtual slavery, at a time when chattel slavery had been abolished only seven years. It is an axiom of economic science that free labor is indefinitely more productive than slave labor, and the industrial growth of the expansion of industry when enterprise is unhampered by the curse of slavery, and by foreign political interference. Cuba's chief industries were growing in spite of the drain upon her before the present war began, for in 1894 her total production of sugar was 1,051,214 tons, an increase of 238,520 tons over the preceding year.

The natural resources of Cuba are infinite, one may say, in variety. Of her area only 10 per cent, is under cultivation 7 per cent is not reclaimed, and 1 per cent is under forests. Great tracts of the islands are practically unexplored. She had in 1894 a population of a little more than 1,000,000. Of these nearly one-third have been starved to death during the present war. Cuba could support in plenty a population of 10,000,000. Her forests are stocked with the finest wood in the world—wood, several species of which are as hard as iron, turning the edge of the axe, and remaining imperishable under water. There are found woods invaluable for the dye industry, ebony, cedar, fustic, lancewood, mahogany, rosewood, jessums, asans and many others. There are fifty varieties of palm. Her fruits are valuable and little cultivated. The climate is admirably suited for the olive, and the orange, the lemon, the pineapple and the banana are indigenous.

The mineral resources of the island are great, yet the mineral industries are in their infancy. Almost all the metals are found in Cuba. There are gold, silver, mercury, copper, lead, and all the forms of asphaltum, antimony, magnesia, soapstone, gypsum, red lead, ochre, salt, arsenic, talc and many others. Copper is abundant in all the metamorphic rocks of Cuba. It is true that coal is yet undiscovered, but under a free republic capital would flow into the island, and there is no doubt that true coal would soon be found to replace the bitumin that is now used, and which is found in springs and mines in great quantities.

Cuba is rich in marble, awaiting the speculator. Great deposits of this rock are found, and in the Isle of Pines there is marble of a quality as fine as the best of that material used by the sculptor. Beautifully colored marble and Jasper are common. On the coasts are immense deposits of rock salt, and there are also unlimited quantities of the purest white sand, capable of being converted into fine earthenware. Even the illustrious Humboldt was amazed at the richness and variety of the mineral wealth of Cuba. How much of this wealth has been utilized may be gathered from the fact that at the end of 1891 the total number of mining titles issued in Santiago district was 296. Of these 138 were

## THE DREADED CONSUMPTION.

### As a Pastoral Country Cuba was more productive a century ago than she is now, but her pastures are broad and rich, and the possibilities are unlimited. Cuba with her grand natural pastures, was just beginning to raise fine Durham and Devonshire stock when the ten year war desolated the country, and put a stop to the industry. The millions of acres of free land in Cuba are ready for the agriculturist, the cattle, sheep and hog raiser, the cotton and fruit grower, the miner and the rubber plant, and even for the silk grower and manufacturer. The mulberry tree grows to perfection in the island. Silkworms, according to Dr. Auber, are more prolific and productive in Cuba, than in any other country on the face of the globe. Here is a land prepared to yield up utilities that will add immeasurably to the happiness of the world, waiting to blossom into a garden, and to swarm with population, to develop almost every art of peace; to be converted into an industrial microcosm in the macrocosm of the world at large. Cuba is waiting the hour when the capitalist, assured of peace and uninterrupted growth, may safely enter and reap the harvest which nature has prepared for man in the world, the throtled and neglected Pearl of the Antilles—Chicago Times-Herald.

### EXPLANATORY.

The following letter was sent to military headquarters recently:

"To the War Department: Don't give John his salary. He don't know the value of money. Send it to me every month. I will need it. Two of the children have crop at this writing and Mary-Jane's eyes are still sore. God help us all. Tell John what I say."

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"I want you," said a rural dorky so another, "ter put yo' arms ter dis petition."

"What for?"

"One er our race is gwine up, fer hog stealin'."

"He stole de hog, did he?"

"Dat's what."

"Kaze he let 'em ketch him?"

"Yes."

"Well, let him go long ter de chain gang. A man what ain't got education enough to better up his tracks no better dan dat is better off de way dan in it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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