

The Scrap Book

Greeley on Salvation.

One afternoon Horace Greeley was seated in the Tribune office absorbed in writing, when a tall, solemn man came in and stood respectfully by his desk. After a while Mr. Greeley looked up and in his sharp tones said:

"Well, what is it?"

"I have called," said the stranger, in a measured pulpit voice, "to invite pecuniary assistance for our great work in the Five Points Mission."

"What's the work?" said Greeley, still writing vigorously.

"The salvation of souls."

"Not a cent!" said Greeley. "Not a cent to save souls! Most of 'em ought to be damned!"

A prize of \$50 for most of the foregoing anecdote to Thos. L. Mason, Glen Ridge, N. J.

HETERODOXY.

Pray thee, put the sermon by—vex my soul no more with creeds; They are only stones and husks to my hungry spirit's needs. I am tired of striving sects, with their various bigotry— Ah, for me death holds no terror but the fear of losing thee!

In a heaven apart from thee could my exalted soul rejoice? Could I join the angels' song, mingling thence thy tender voice? What to me were notes of pearl if they parted thee and me? What the streets so fair and golden if I walked them seeking thee? What to me the pastures green where thy feet could never be? What the paths beside still waters if thou wast not with me?

Ah, wherever after death my still faithful soul may dwell— Saints may call it bliss or woe; they may name it heaven or hell— By thee only, O beloved, will my joy or pain be wrought; I shall find thy heaven beside thee, or my hell where thou art not!

—Elizabeth Akers.

The Golf Caddy.

"The golf caddy," said a southern journalist, as he chewed a sprig of mint, "is a new type. This lad is independent, witty, altogether without reverence. On John D. Rockefeller's visit to Bon Air he tried a little golf one afternoon in the neighborhood of Augusta. On a rather difficult shot Mr. Rockefeller struck too low with his iron, and as the dirt flew he said to his caddy:

"What have I hit?"

"The boy answered, with a harsh laugh:

"Georgia, boss."

It Worked a Cure.

A certain clergyman in Richmond, says Success, has had in his employ for so long a time a negro named Julian that the latter had come to regard himself as something of a confidential adviser to the divine.

Early one Sunday morning the pastor awoke feeling decidedly ill. After a futile attempt at breakfast he summoned his old faithful servant, saying: "Julian, I want you to go to my assistant, Mr. Blank, and tell him that, as I am unwell, he will officiate for me in this morning's service."

At this Julian demurred and after some argument persuaded his master that he would feel better if he officiated as usual. This the latter did, and, as predicted by the ducky, he did return home feeling much better.

"You're better, huh?" asked the servant, meeting his master at the door.

"Very much better, thank you, Julian."

The ducky grinned. "What did I tell you, huh? I knowed you would be all right just as soon as you got that sermon enter your system."

Schopenhauer on Kinship.

The source of all pleasure and delight is the feeling of kinship. Even with the sense of beauty it is unquestionably our own species in the animal world, and then again our own race, that appears to us the fairest. So, too, in intercourse with others, every man shows a decided preference for those who resemble him, and a blockhead will find the society of another blockhead incomparably more pleasant than that of any number of great minds put together.

An Exchange of Boys.

Two boys in the Sunday school, who stood at the head of the class, were invariably asked the same questions, which were, "Who made you?" and "To what do you return?" to which the first boy always replied, "God made me," and the second boy answered, "Dust of the earth."

On this occasion the first boy was absent, so the first question, "Who made you?" was addressed to the second boy.

"Dust of the earth," he replied.

"Quite wrong, Tommy. God made you," said the teacher indignantly.

"No, teacher. The boy that God made has gone home with the stomach ache."

Canova.

"If you will let me try, I think I can make something that will do," said a boy who had been employed as a scullion at the mansion of Signor Fallero, as the story is told by George Cary Eggleston. A large company had been invited to the banquet, and just before the hour the executioner, who had been making a large ornament for the table, sent word that he had spoiled the piece. "You!" exclaimed the head servant in astonishment. "And who are you?" "I am Antonio Canova, the grandson of Pisano the stonemason," replied the pale faced little fellow. The servant was at his wit's end, so he told Antonio to go ahead and see what he could do. Calling for some butter, the scullion quickly melted a large

crouching lion, which the admiring major domo placed upon the table.

Dinner was announced, and many of the most noted merchants, princes and noblemen of Venice were ushered into the dining room. Among them were skilled critics of art work. They looked at the lion long and carefully and asked Signor Fallero what great sculptor had been persuaded to waste his skill upon a work in such a temporary material. Fallero could not tell, so he asked the head servant, who brought Antonio before the company.

When the distinguished guests learned that the lion had been made in a short time by a scullion, the dinner was turned into a feast in his honor. Some may not have heard how the boy Antonio took advantage of this first great opportunity, but all know of Canova, one of the greatest sculptors of all time.

Vulgar Fractions.

Everything that Bobby learned at school he endeavored to apply in his daily life and walk. When his mother asked him if one of his new friends was an only child, Bobby looked wise and triumphant.

"He's got just one sister," said Bobby. "He tried to catch me when he told me he had two half sisters, but I guess I know enough fractions for that."

Circumstantial Evidence.

Once while two famous students of Blackstone were arguing a case one said he could illustrate his part of the argument, which was that of circumstantial evidence, by a story of a boy who was found of embezzling.

One day when left alone at home he got into the pantry and, finding a custard pie, ate it all. Then, thinking of a certain strap which was hanging in the hall, he caught the house cat and smeared custard over its paws and mouth and turned it loose to roam at its will.

Finally the old man returned and soon saw the cat with its telltale mouth and marks of its paws upon the floor. Getting a rope, he tied the poor cat to a tree limb, went to the house and got his gun. The boy, who had hidden himself in the rear of the barn, remarked as he heard the report, "There goes another victim of circumstantial evidence."—New England Magazine.

Seneca on Poverty and Death.

"Yet many things befall us which are sad, dreadful, hard to bear." Well, as God has been unable to remove these things from your path, he has given your mind strength to combat all. Bear them bravely. In this you can surpass God himself. He is beyond suffering evil; you are above it. Despise poverty. No man lives as poor as he was born. Despise pain. Either it will cease or you will cease. Despise death. It either ends you or takes you elsewhere. Despise fortune. God has given her no weapon that can reach the mind.

Never Saw Him Before.

I was crossing on an Atlantic liner once when the sea was very rough and nearly all the passengers were seasick. Patrolling the promenade deck one day, I came across a lady in a reclining chair in the very extremity of prostration. By her side was the figure of a man in collapse from the same disorder, his head resting in the lady's lap.

As she seemed to be otherwise quite alone, I ventured to address her, saying:

"Madam, can I be of any assistance?"

She feebly shook her head for answer, being apparently too far gone for speech.

"But," I went on, "surely I must do something for you. It seems you are unattended, since your husband appears to be in greater distress than yourself."

The lady murmured with the utmost abandon of weakness and indifference: "He is not my husband; I never saw him before in my life!"

His Own Idea.

Little Ted Brown was a strenuous lad and had formed the not unusual habit of kicking and thumping his playmates.

One day his mother found him not only kicking and pounding one of his friends, but even spitting on him.

She was dumfounded at this and, taking Ted into the house, said to him: "Ted, I don't know what to make of you. I think the devil has got into your head and taught you this kicking and striking and spitting."

Ted, getting more indignant every second, looked up at his mother and said:

"Well, the devil may have taught me the kicking and striking, but this here spitting is my own idea!"—Lippincott's.

Ed Lewis.

A cutthroat was captured in 1834 near Lime Rock light-house, Newport, R. I., and four young men were left struggling in the cold waves of a choppy sea. Keeper Lewis was not at home, and his sick wife could do nothing but his daughter Eda, twelve years old, rowed out in a small boat and saved the men. During the next thirty years she resembled nine others at various times. Her work was done without assistance and showed skill and endurance fully equal to her great courage.

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Pretty Nurse—Certainly.

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At the same time, July 17th, examinations for entrance at the A. & M. College will be held by the County Superintendent. All who expect to stand these examinations, and also those whose certificates should write the County Superintendent at once.

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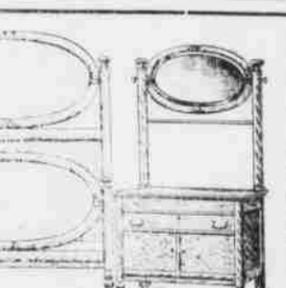
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