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We'll order sunflower seed when all we want is chicken feed.

A PARABLE

(By E. F. Watson)

Once upon a time there was an old man who had 48 sons. This old gentleman was taken sick and his sons came in to see him and decided they would employ a doctor. Accordingly they engaged what a majority of them decided was a good physician. When the Doctor came he sat quietly down beside the couch where the sick man lay, looked at him tenderly and sympathetically, but did not take his blood pressure, his temperature or feel his pulse, or even look at his tongue. The only thing he did for the old man was to bleed him. When his sons came in to see him, as time went by, the old Gentleman grew worse and worse, but the doctor would inform them that he was recovering rapidly and would soon be out of danger; that if he was left alone there was no doubt about his ultimate recovery, and indeed, he informed them, his total recovery was "just around the corner" and that he would have the old man well and in good spirits and each and all of the sons would have a chicken in every pot and two automobiles in every garage, and he kept this treatment up for four years. His sons became exasperated and held a council, and 42 of them declared they had heard that this man was no doctor at all; that he was only a mining engineer and they believed the report to be true because each lick he struck put them deeper in the hole. They decided to get a new doctor, that if the old man went along this way he was certain to die. Six of the sons declared that it would be dangerous to change doctors when the old man was so sick and in such physical condition, but the 42 persisted and accordingly a brand fire new physician was called in.

The new physician took the old man's blood pressure and found it to be 375; he took his temperature and found it to be 149½; his pulse was running away and when he looked at his tongue, he found it coated with 1-4 inch of rust. He informed the sons that the old man had pernicious anemia, galloping consumption, and that his heart was absolutely running away with him at time, and at other times it would scarcely beat at all, and that he was liable to go into convulsions at any minute.

The new doctor also informed the sons that the old man must be fed and to get out and get him 100 nice, fat hens. He also wanted twenty gallons of cod liver oil. He gave the old man a hyperdermic three times a day of quadruple compound extract of prospeity. After having given the old man several nice bowls of good, rich chicken soup, together with ample doses of cod liver oil, the old gentleman began to look around and to even recognize some of the boys. He pulled out of his comatose condition and improved from day to day until he began to sit up and take knowledge of things. When asked how he felt and how he was getting along, he said he felt pretty good except that he had a buzzing noise in his ears like the running of spindles and the operation of factory wheels. He was informed that that was not at all unusual, becasuse the people all around him were feeling and hearing the same things; that when first he was taken sick, the factories were closed down, but they were all open and running, three eight hour shifts each day, and things were humming. The old gentleman also informed them that he thought he had an optical illusion; that the smoke stacks that were high and dry when he took sick with his malady, he thought he could see the blackest smoke belching out from every one of them. He was told that he need not take any notice of that because everyone could see it.

The doctor finally told the boys to get out and call in all the carpenters in town. that he wanted to build a sun porch along the South side of the house, the full length of it, so his patient could exercise. He directed that in one end they build a very large window and name it TVA and in the other end a beautiful window, and name it the Blue Ridge Parkway. Through these two windows a violet ray would be created, which when it fell on the old man would cause him to jump stumps. The people who now pass by this sun porch can see the old gentleman walking up and down the porch with a tremendou stride, which looks for all the world as if he were able to engage Jack Dempsey in a disicuffs.

The boys all gathered in to see the old gentleman and they all admitted that "Pap" was a great deal better, but some of them declared that the expense had been something terrible, and some of them suggested that there was a doctor out in Kansas who had declared that the old gentleman's recovery was artificial and that he would have gotten well anyway, and if he were put back on the same treatment that the other doctor had been giving him before the new doctor was called in, that he would get well without any expense at all. The boys have now gone into a huddle and are the matter under consideration as to whether they are going to fire the new doctor who has their father in such splendid condition and engage the Kansas doctor, who is taking the advice of the doctor who treated the old man for the four years first described. They will decide this momentous question on November 3rd

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107 electoral votes against Mr. Roosevelt's 220. Analyses of the major polls by others do not bear out this conclusion. Indeed, as the election day approaches, it still remains anybody's guess whether the President will be reelected or Mr. Landon will go to the White House.

All of the polls and straw votes have been under more vigorous fire than ever before. Polls which show a decided trend toward Republican victory have been attacked by the Democrats, and vice versa.

Much of the criticism of some of the more important polls has been based upon the allegation that they do not necessarily represent the views of actual voters. Those critics have maintained that the only way to get an accurate forecast is to poll all of the registered voters of the State or nation. The Baltimore Sun undertook to do this in the state of Maryland, with the result that its straw vote, representing about 10 per cent of the voters, showed a heavy majority for Mr. Roosevelt. But as an eminent Repuoican commentator points out, nothing is easier than for a well organized party to see to it that its adherents record their preferences, while the weaker organization can not do that so effectively. Where there is a strong Republican organization the method of polling registered voters is likely to show a Republican majority and vice versa.

And there we are. By this time next week we ought to know who is to be the next President of the United States.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

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I was lucky to get their services. They had to sandwich my work in between other jobs, working nights and Sundays. For they are living examples of what I have always maintained, that the man of real ability is never "out of work," once his ability and character have been demonstrated.

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the appointing of several judges, during his tenure of the White House.

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