

Woman Upholds Watterson

Writing for the Courier-Journal, Mrs. W. H. Felton, a well known Georgian, wife of a former member of Congress and Federal judge, warmly takes up the cudgels on the side of Henry Watterson in his attack on New York society. She writes:

"It is well to understand Mr. Watterson's articles apply to a great many more people than the Four Hundred of the fashionables in New York society. Perhaps that is a sample lot or a specimen case, so to speak; but there are more or less of the same sort of persons in every prominent city or town in the United States. They are doing their best as imitators and copyists, and according to their opportunity they are treading in the steps of the great leaders in fashion and frivolity and aping their manners and customs as nearly as possible.

"A nation never goes to smash so long as its women are clean and upright in morals and manners. The proudest boast of the Southern Confederacy is that the noble character and virtuous lives of its women. There may have been spies and traitors among them, but, bless God, we have never heard of them after 40 years of struggle and trial. To-day there is no higher strain known to civilization than the ante-bellum wife and mother of the old South for refinement, virtue and clean living."

What Becomes of Heroes.

It has been ascertained, it seems, that mere propinquity causes 67 per cent of all marriages, the other 33 per cent being credited largely to the "hero" who rescues the lovely maiden from the undertow, or finds her when lost in the woods, or drags her from before the wheels of a trolley car, or fishes her up when overboard from a yacht, or rescues her from an avalanche. After any one of these heroic proceedings it is strictly in order that a marriage license shall follow. But while we hear enough of the hero's achievements before marriage, it is to be regretted that statistics are wanting to show that he lives up to the character and remains a hero after marriage. Does he carry the baby cheerfully in the lovely hours of a frosty night with the incensibility to suffering which he once prided himself upon? Of course, he can't keep snatching his wife from a watery grave every summer, but what does he substitute for it? It is to be feared that the hero relaxes and develops a study altogether, as we never hear of his brilliant exploits after marriage. The heroine also becomes, it is said, a trifle matter-of-fact under the conjugal yoke, but she is believed to play the part longer than the hero.

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Highway Robbery.

Policeman Barnes made a good haul Wednesday night and though he was disappointed somewhat he knows he has a "bad man" in the toils.

On the train returning from Winslow Wednesday night was the wife of Jerry Grasty, colored. Jerry is Judge Boyd's messenger and his wife had been taking in the Winston Fair. When the train reached a point near the coal chute approaching the city, it slowed up and Jerry Grasty, colored, stepped out of the car and stepped into a coach near the door of which sat Jerry's wife, her valise sitting close to her seat, but somewhat out in the aisle of the car. Without the man walked right by the valise, grabbed it, stepped briskly on and before an untold time to think he was out of the car and away. Jerry's better half set up a yell very naturally—any one under the circumstances would have done the same thing. Passengers in the car, seeing what had been done, quitted her, telling her they would find an officer at the station and catch the thief. Policeman Barnes was on duty and in a short time had landed the chap, valise and all, and locked him up. He says his name is Will Curlee and he had a pistol on his person. He was heard to say at the jail that he thought the woman was a servant to some white woman or he would not have taken the valise. Grasty says there was some money in the valise, but how much he does not know. Curlee will find two charges against him—robbery and carrying a pistol.

Officer Barnes at first thought he had captured John Ware, wanted in Rockingham county, for whom a reward of \$50 is offered, for Curlee had his arms well tototed and so has Ware, but there is no resemblance in their looks.—Record.

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SHE WAS TOO GOOD.

Why Old Uncle Lige Left the Whole Cabin to His Wife.

One winter in the mountains of North Carolina I met old Lige Downs, a familiar character of these hills, trudging toward town with a bundle tied in a red bandanna slung over his stooped shoulders.

"Good morning, Uncle Lige," I said. "Maw'nin', maw'nin'," he replied, taking his hat from his knickered white crown. "Are you going away?" I asked. "Yesum," he answered, "yesum."

"Where's Aunt Hootie? Is she going too?"

"Name; she ain't gwine wif me. I ain't no fittin' cumpny for dat woman nohow."

"Why, what's the matter?" I asked, amazed. "I always thought Hootie was the best wife in the world."

"Yesum; dat's what she shurely is. But a pore, maw'ble sinah laik me kain't stan' so much goodness. Hootie's sinah did know de power of wain't do person hooch kalain' come up to hunk for preschin'. De ball tuffin shines wif glory, but me—I ain't nuffin' but a black spot."

"Why, Uncle Lige, you cannot leave your wife because she's good," I said. "That would be a strange cause for divorce."

"Days lots of um does it, missy. I ain't no dejection to hunk bein' good, but when anybody gets so good dat dey ain't got no feelin' for nobody, wad dey want is a cabin to derseive."

The "black spot" moved down the sun flecked road toward other blacker spots that waited for him in the village.—Exchange.

Hawaii's Rippling Language.

The language of the Hawaiian Islands, as every one knows, abounds in vowels and therefore ripplies deliciously in the mouth. It is only necessary to pronounce such names as Honolulu, Oahu, Kilauea, Hilo, Mauna Loa, Kahamama and Liliuokalani to discover the reason. The Hawaiian language is a young and therefore a slightly error in the sketch he went up to the door and asked the farmer's wife if she might have a small piece of bread. This, an every artist knows, makes a good cracker.

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"Dry bread," she repeated. "Well, I guess you won't have to put up with any dry bread from me, young man. You may try to get it from the kitchen with me, and I'll give you a thick slice of bread with butter on it."

"Now, don't say a word," she continued, raising her hand to ward off his expectation. "I don't care how you come to this state, but you're hungry, and that's enough for me. You shall have a good dinner."

The Heat of the Kingsbaker.

Our American belted alcyon, or common kingsbaker, is an expert hole burner. There is scarcely a clayey bank along the streams of our middle and southern states but his face cut by the door of one of these gloomy looking houses.

The hole is usually quite round and goes directly to the bottom of the bank. From two to four feet, where it turns nearly at right angles to one side or the other, ending in a large, jagged pocket, where the eggs are laid. The kingsbaker is my most cherished companion when I am out on my morning walk. It is an ever fresh delight to watch him swooping down into the clear brook water with a melodious plunge and coming forth sparkling like a flake from a blue sea wave or a fragrant turquoise. He rarely ever appears in an unremitting and insatiable. He eats from morning till night—Maurice Thompson.

Two Things That Scare a Negro.

Two seemingly harmless things excite the fears of the southern negro. One is the cracking of the finger joints; the other is to be stepped over as he lies prone upon the ground. The cracking of the finger joints seems to suggest to the negro imagination the rattling of a skeleton's bones, while the stepping over him is likely to bring back to his mind the cruel and bloody scenes of a lynch party.

Uncle Sam's Recruits.

The following qualifications are required of every soldier selected as a recruit: He must not be under twenty or over twenty-five years old, he must be strong enough to lift a 100 pound weight with both hands to a position level with his chest; he must be 4 feet 8 inches in height and able to run a course of seven miles in an hour, and he must also be of good character.

William Simpson, Jr.—Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead, mamma?

Mrs. W. Simpson—Certainly, Willie, and I hope you always will. Why do you ask?

William—Because, mamma, I heard the little boy on the next block had the measles, and I've been visiting him all the afternoon.—Harper's Bazar.

The Poet's Explanation.

"What do you mean by 'embers of the dying year?" asked the poet's wife.

"Why, November and December, of course, my dear," replied the poet, "and the year with a Swedish grin.—Chicago News.

Long Time Between Meals.

"If you're stayin' for dinner," said the author's little boy, "I'm afraid you'll go hungry. We only eat on publication"—Atlantic Constitution.

Where Accuracy is Required.

"Why does Gritmaker haunt the libraries?"

"He is writing a historical novel."

"Oh! Looking up the historical facts, is he?"

"No; the costumes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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DANGER IN POISON IVY.

How to Know the Plant—Simple Remedies if Affected by It.

"If one knows how the Rhus toxicodendron—that is the scientific name for poisonous ivy—looks, said a man of the woods, "he can avoid it with about a foot high, and it is also a graceful vine, with stout, hairy stems. This vine sends out horizontal branches. The bush and the vine do not look alike, but both have coarse toothed, oval pointed leaves. These are always three in a group, and the plant also bears small greenish white berries."

Poison oak, otherwise Rhus radicans, and poison sumac, or Rhus venicuta, are other plants to be avoided by visitors to the woods. The sumac has groups of four leaflets, oval pointed in form, arranged on a tapering stem, with a cluster of red berries in the center. In the autumn the foliage is a brilliant scarlet. The little berries look like grayish white grapes.

A good antidote for ivy poisoning in its first stages is a solution of potassium permanganate. A bottle containing a pint of water and a heaping teaspoonful of baking soda is carried by many persons who take walks in the woods. For, while some people may handle the poison vines without danger, others are poisoned if they pass within twelve feet of them.—New York Tribune.

She Fitted His Distress.

An artist who was making a sketching tour through a picturesque region of Connecticut chanced one day to see a barn so alluring to his eye that he sat down on a stone wall and went to work at once.

He soon became conscious that he had two interested spectators in the persons of the farmer and his wife, who had come to the door of the house to watch him.

The artist, by and by discovered that he had lost or mislaid his rubber eraser, and as he wished to correct a slight error in the sketch he went up to the door and asked the farmer's wife if she might have a small piece of bread. This, an every artist knows, makes a good cracker.

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RICHARD WILLIAM VAUGHAN

The First English Bank Forger and the Story of His Fall.

The story of the first bank forger, Richard William Vaughan, is little known. Vaughan was the brother of a Stafford lawyer and became clerk to a doctor in London. He wished to marry his master's daughter and promised to produce the sum of £1,000, which he said, his mother would present to him, half of it to be settled on his wife. On these terms the father consented to the marriage, and Vaughan obtained a month's leave of absence.

He occupied this period in obtaining engraved impressions in imitation of twenty pound Bank of England notes, which was not such a difficult matter then, such things as forged notes being common. With fifty of these he presented himself at the appointed time, and his fiancée accepted her share in perfect good faith, and the marriage preparations were proceeded with.

Unfortunately he wanted ready money and put two of his own forged notes into circulation. They were challenged, because he became stammered and tried to get back the notes he had given to the young lady, but she refused to yield them up, suspecting nothing of their true nature, and when Vaughan was arrested next day she would hardly believe even then that she had been deceived.

The forger was tried at the Old Bailey on the 7th of April, 1758, spending what was to have been his wedding day in the condemned cell. Four days later he was hanged at Tyburn.—London Standard.

Old Rules For Night Policemen.

Old Boston is vividly brought to mind by the following excerpt from the selectmen's minutes, dated Nov. 1, 1700, containing instructions to watchmen.

"In going the rounds care must be taken that the watchmen are not noisy, but behave themselves with strict decorum, that they frequently give the time of the night and wist the weather, except at times when it is necessary to pass in silence in order to detect and secure persons that are out on unlawful ventures.

"You and your division must endeavor to suppress all riots, and other disorders that may be committed in the night, and secure persons who may be guilty, that proper steps may be taken next morning for a prosecution as the law directs. We absolutely forbid your taking private satisfaction or any bribe that may be offered you to let such go or to conceal their offense from the selectmen."

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A HARROWING RIDE.

Dickens' Trip by Stagecoach From Cleveland to Sandusky.

When Charles Dickens visited America in 1842, he traveled by stagecoach from Cleveland to Sandusky, O. Describing his experience, he wrote: "At one time we were all thrown together in a heap at the bottom of the coach, and at another we were crushing our heads against the roof. Now the coach was lying on the tails of the two wheelers, and now it was rearing up in the air. The driver, who certainly got over the ground in a manner quite miraculous, so twisted and turned the team in forcing a passage cork screw fashion through the bogs and swamps that it was a common circumstance on looking out of the window to see the coachman with the ends of a pair of reins in his hands, apparently driving nothing, and the leaders starting unexpectedly at one from the back of the coach, as if they had some idea of getting up behind.

"A great portion of the way was over what is called a 'coguray road,' which is made by throwing trunks of trees into a marsh and leaving them to settle there. The very slightest of the jolts with which the ponderous carriage fell from log to log was enough, it seemed, to have dislocated all the bones in the human body. It would be impossible to experience a similar set of sensations in any other circumstances unless perhaps in attempting to go up to the top of St. Paul's in an omnibus."

Peking Village Names.

"The Street of the Roasted Corn" is one of the curious names of streets in Peking and suggests the singular and often confusing names given to Chinese villages. Here are a few village names taken from an area of a few miles square: "Horse Words Village," "Sun Family Bull Village," "Wang Family Great Melon Village," "Tiger Catching Village," "Horse Without a Hoof Village," "Village of the Loving and Benevolent Magistrate" and the "Village of the Makers of Fine Toothed Edged Swords."

Arthur H. Smith in his book on "Village Life in China" says that a market town on the highway, the well of which afforded only brackish water, was called "Bitter Water Shop," but as this name was not pleasing to the ear it was changed on the tax lists to "Sweet Water Shop." If any one asked how it was that the same fountain could thus send forth at the same time waters both bitter and sweet, he was answered, "Sweet Water Shop is the same as Bitter Water Shop."

Speak Kindly Words Now.

In the course of our lives there must be many times when thoughtless words are spoken by us which wound the hearts of others, and there are also many little occasions when the word of cheer is needed from us and we are silent.

There are lives of wearisome monotony which a word of kindness can relieve. There is suffering which words of sympathy can make more endurable, and often when words of cheer are needed from us and we are silent.

Speak to those while they can hear and be helped by you, for the day may come when all our expressions of love and appreciation may be unheard. Imagine yourself standing upon the shore of a last resting place. Think of the things you could have said of them and to them while they were yet living. Then go and tell them now.—Exchange.

Painless Death.

Probably the most painful death is by means of an overdose of chloroform. You begin with a pleasant sensation and end in oblivion. Prussic acid acts instantaneously. Presuming the agony of anticipation avoided, some violent death are quite painless, as they give no time for feeling pain. Such are being blown to pieces by dynamite or by a shell. Drowning is said to be a luxury, and experts have recommended opening a vein in a hot bath. Laudanum and other narcotics would run chloroform and ether hard for first place.

The Darling Little Humming Bird.

Courage has little or no relation to bodily size. The humming bird is the smallest of birds, but also one of the most fearless and pugnacious. He attacks kingbirds and hawks, and those tyrannical creatures, though of monstrous size in comparison, seem not at all ashamed to fly from his onsets. The flights of humming birds among themselves are often fierce and protracted.

Economical.

There is a reminiscence of Caleb Baleson in the utterance of an economist, who said he was lately walking at an important dinner. He had taken round a plate of beef in vain. After his last effort at persuasion had failed he set it down in front of his master with decision. "Ye man tak' that parcel," he said, "I canna' get any other customer for it."

Both Were There.

Miss Millynn—One can be very happy in this world with health and money.

Deedee—Then let's be made one. I have the health and you have the money.—Illustrated Bix.

Why They No Longer Speak.

She (romantically)—What would you do if we should meet in the hereafter? He (casually)—I'd go through fire for you.—Pittsburgh Press.

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