

An Adventure on the Cars.
There were five of us—yes five as happy follows we were ever let loose from college it was "vacation," and we concluded to take a trip to the Falls. We got aboard the cars at the N— and were soon traveling very rapidly towards our destination.

We had just seated ourselves and prepared for a comfortable smoke, when in came the conductor, and who should it be but our old friend Fred B.— After the common salutation—"How are you old fellow," etc.—had passed, Fred said he had some business for us to do.

"Out with it, old chum," said we, "anything at all will be acceptable, so let us have it."

"Well, boys," said Fred in a very confidential tone, "in that next car there is as 'jovin' a pair as it was ever my lot to see. They are going down to H—to get married; and now if you can have any fun over it, just pitch in. They must be earned, and I don't know who can do it better than you."

In a moment Fred was gone, and we set our heads together to form a plan for 'takin' care of the lovers.

"I have it boys," said Bill Seavers; "we must make that girl believe that her lover is married."

"That's it, Bill—that's it," said we, not giving him time to finish his sentence.

"He is a married man and the father of children," said Bill.

"That's the game boys, now let us play it."

It was devolved upon me to commence operations. Accordingly, I entered the car in which we were informed the lovers were— Sure enough, there they were, in real soft lover style.

All this I gathered at a glance. Stepping up to them, I said:

"Why, Jones, what in the deuce are you doing with this girl?"

"So here stranger," said the fellow, "you're a mite mistaken, my name isn't Jones."

"Why, Jones," said I, "you certainly haven't left your wife and children, and tried to palm yourself off for a single man, have you?"

"I tell you my name ain't Jones; it's Harper. I never was Jones; taht goin' to be either."

I merely shook my head, and passed on to another seat to see rest of the fun. The girl looked "wild" after I sat down; but Jones, alias Harper, soon convinced her that I was mistaken.

About the time they had got to feeling right well again, in came Eliot Gregg. Walking up to Harper, he accosted him with—

"Why, Jones, you here! How did you leave your wife and babies?"

"Now, see here, stranger, you ain't the man that called me Jones to day, an' I reckon I must look awful like him; but I ain't Jones, an' more'n that, you ain't call me Jones. I hasn't got a wife, nor babies either; but this here gal an' I is goin' to splice, an' then you can talk about my wife, and I wouldn't wonder but what, in the course of time, you might talk about the babies, too; but you ain't call me Jones!"

This return brought forth voices from the spectators, and it also brought blushing to the face of the girl that was going to be spliced.

"Ah, Jones," said Gregg, "you will regret this in the future. I pity your wife and children and this poor girl."

"So, Mr. your real name is Jones, is it; as you've been, too,us, have you? Well, we ain't spliced yet, and I don't think we'll be soon," said the girl, and her eyes fairly flashed fire.

"Jane, Jane," said Harper, "don't you know I'm Bill Harper? That ain't a darn drop of Jones blood in me, an' I'll prove it."

At this moment Jeff Jackson, Bill Seavers and Jim Byers entered, and of course their attention was called to Harper by his loud talking. They stepped up to him and said—

"Why, Jones, what is all this fuss about?"

This was more than Harper could stand. He stepped upon a seat.

"Now," said he, "my name ain't Jones, and I can tell the fellow that says it is."

By this time we had got to B—and our friend Fred came into the car and made Harper keep quiet. The girl that wouldn't be "spliced" requested Fred to help her on the train that was going back to N., where he did, and the notorious Jones, alias Harper, followed her. We learned afterwards that he proved himself to be Bill Harper instead of Bill Jones, and he and the gal Jane got spliced."

The MOTHER OF GOOD LUCK.
—I don't want to stay here. I don't do anything but errands, and he at every tea and coffee. I am not learning anything."

Ephraim, a fatherless boy, had gone into shop, and after being there a few months, was the complainant that had made nearly every day to his mother. One day his Uncle John heard him.

"You think you are fit for something higher, then?" he said to the boy.

"Yes, sir," said Ephraim; "I don't want to be doing errands all the time."

"But doing errands isn't the only real way to promotion. Mr. Barlow will have no objection to your doing best branch of his business, you will rise soon, and not till then."

"Pretty small business," muttered the boy, with a discontented poker on his forehead. "I don't care how I do it."

"I am sorry to hear you say so," said Uncle John, "for ho only that is faithful in its dealings can be expected to be faithful greater things. If you do not do your work well, Mr. Barlow will have no reason to suppose you will do anything else either. Boys, you must earn promotion, to do it. I will tell you a story."

Ephraim liked Uncle John's stories, though he sometimes wanted to quarrel with the moral. However, he looked up as usual to say, "Please go on, sir;" and Uncle John went on:

Dr. T. B. Boyd
A YOUNG man once went into business, with pretty fair prospects. The firm, however, did not go on well. It failed, I think — then returned home with bare pockets, in quest of employment. He met his old Sabbath school teacher in the street, paid his calls and asked him if he knew any opening. "Not just now," answered the gentleman; "but if you don't want to be idle, and are willing to work, I should like your services in our soap-house; the pay won't be much, but you can be very useful."

"A soap-house," cried Ephraim proudly; "after being in a firm! I hope he did not mean it."

A soap-house, as some of you know, is a great kitchen, where soap is made and served out to the poor during the winter, when food is dear and work scarce.

"Let you how I—— viewed the mat-

ter," said Uncle John. "Yes, sir, I'll go," was his answer; for G—— was a good young man, and thought no situation beneath him where he could minister to the comforts of others. He went into the soap-house, despatched the tickets, and the soap too, for such I know; kept the books, and in a word, managed the business the best he could.

When the gentlemen who were interested in the soap house met to see what good it had done they were very much surprised at the manner in which the books were kept. "Why, who have you here?" they asked. One of them was the keeper of a large hotel. "I must have that young man," said he; "to manage my concerns." He found out G——, and offered him a hand some salary to become head clerk of his establishment. He went; but he had not been in the hotel many months, before one of the boarders, the cashier of a bank, said to the hotel-keeper, "that clerk of yours is a noble fellow; how well he conducts your business."

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