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### MORNING TONIC.

(Harper's Weekly.) worth while to spend a life in multiplying comforts and luxuries? After all, to have the best of food and the best of drink and the finest shelter is to put oneself on the level of a well money and property, to heap them up

and guard them and keep them, is to degrade the intelligence to the level of the bee or the ant. All these things are good; some of them are necessary, up when Bill dropped in. Food and drink and proper shelter, work and gain and increase of facilities, are the by-products of living; they are necessary; but who mistakes them for the life itself must pay for his error as if it were a sin.

And the life itself? Let us quote from a book we may all be reading in a month or a year from now: "Of a had lit our pipes, we sed to Bill: sudden it came to him that life itself was beautiful. Not effort only, not work nor play, success, achievement, wealth or fame or honor, but life itself. with acts. They were themselves a glory. To sit and let the crystal flood rious stream of the world's life pass on, to be one with Nature and hear her cry of those who fall are there; but of the trees , the rithm of the sap that rises in them, the thunder in the hills. It is the song of infinite harmonies."

This is what comes upon us, with a from him. misgiving that is almost a terror, when we pause to think that we stand here in the midst of mortal life and that we shall not pass this way again. Life is infinitely beautiful, and we, if Persimmans and Over-you-men and we fall to find it so, must search for the defect, not around us nor outside us, but in ourselves. And if in our chase for gross things and material things we have outrun the power to live, to perceive, to enjoy, we must pay the menalty, for Nature is inexorable; we pay for our mistakes to the last jot just as we pay for our

But after all, the outlook is not so the stairs up which we are climbing. Every time we recognize one for what It is, and call it a step instead of a goal, we move on up. And this generation is just in the act of lifting one foot off the step of materialism to a step that shall be better worth while. We shall stand next on a plane where we shall realize, as the child who has been burned realizes what fire is, that life is not all in the body, but that life is happiness. And happiness is not bread and meat, nor yet is it sport, nor gayety, nor excitement, nor rivalry, nor prominence. Happiness is growth and enlargement. He is happy who sees more, who understands more, who effects more this year than last. He is happy who powers increasing, his sympathies widening, his helpfulness broadening. He is happiest who includes most life in himself and radiates most life around him.

And how shall he face death who has grown to full stature in this life? If, on this chance journey we call mortal life, he has not only found goodhas himself had power to create more moodness and more security and more appiness shall he believe for an inel existence by a mere shadow called Ceath? "Dying is hard; but death is eccy," wrote a hero, as he bled to eath alone at midnight by a flickerlar camp light. The change, like all difficulties and pains, and then comes the new adventure, strange and thrilling and surely gladder and greater than the experience we have just ex- is. What does it mean?"" hausted and cast behind us. Death is nothing but just the step above us. And there is but one more word to this little sermon about what is worth this: while: Men who are wilful and stupid and unworth; of themselves often enough lay all this aside when they begin to think for their children. There is a truth as indubitable as that fire burns, and it is this: As we choose today, so shall our child en inherit. What man is willing to leave his

child nothing better than mere material mins? What man does not secretly hope that his child will have real happiness? What man would not, if he could, give his child some part of the joy of the artist's perceptions, some of the peace of the sage, some of the strength of the conquerer? Wall and the moral of this is, as Ailca's duchess used to say: As we choose today, not only so shall our life be in the future, but so shall the life be which our children inherit. And so the main business of life is to pause long enough to look around us and reflect and choose wisely what is worth while.

In copying the editorial from the Raleigh Christian Advocate the word "army" that appeared in that paper was by the operator changed to "par-2y," thus changing the meaning. The Advocate believes in a temperance but steers clear of party.

Referring to the fact that Cannon wer born in North Carolina, the Therlotte News says "It might have been worse-think of Foraker." This le come consolation.

# HOW BILL SNIPES EFFACED HIMSELF.

(Rhamkatte Roaster.)

Jest as we had run off the last paper ov the Roaster fer last week, Bill Snipes drapped inter the offis. Bill used ter run a bar in Rhamkatte till it ware voted out. Then he run s blind tiger unbeknowingst fer awhile until he was diskivered. He cum purty near gittin' on the rodes fer that but was let off by a payin' uv a big fine, and sence then he haint had no reg'ler bizness. He has mostly spent his time a cussin' the preachers fer shettin' up his dive and the good people fer chasing his blind tiger out o' town. The Roaster tuck a hand with the wimmin and the preachers a swattin' licker fer it was a ruinin uv the printers and the editur and the devil, as well as other folks. Sence we eviry week on time bekase the force back inter the licker bizness, but pleze What is worth while, then? Is it has kep sober. Before that time so tell me how I kin do it?" much ov our money went to Bill We got down Webster's On-a-Bridge

hands clean we will have a smoke." er er a ex-licker dealer on the street,

we owe him fer licker an' so we want- leader the licker dealer must go in ed to keep on good terms. After we the back-door at night like a feller

said Bill. "Yer know I went down to tell thet Bill was a diggin' ov a cave To live was good. The hours, the Sodom a few days ago? Well, I got over ter his place on the creek. The solden hours, were not just empty a letter from Mr. O. Booze, the boss nabors all sed Bill wuz crazy, but we spaces between two clockbeats, to fill licker dealer uv the State telling me knowed thet Bill was jest a tryin' ter to come to Sodom. Well, thar was efface hisself so he cud help ter kill of time pass over him was purest a dozen er two er three uv licker Proherbishun. Bill knowed ef he pleasure. Not his life only, but all life sellers and makers and blind tiger stayed er-bove ground he couldn't efwas good. To feel the great and glo- fellers. We cussed and discussed the face hisself and so he would shore Prohibishioners and the Preachers and 'nuff "disappear" frum the kampane. The Democratic press, during the is to place him in nomination at Chion, to be one with Nature and near ner is to place him in nomination at Chising. For she goes forward to music. the other fellers who we shet most uv This reminded us ov the story Bill worst days of the panic last fall, cago to "Parson" Leak, who states It is not always a battle chant she us up an' who air determined ter Arp writ jest after the war after the sought to help toward better times that he is "to the Manor born,"—the moves to. In her song there are all make us all go to work after nex' Konfederates had wore theirselves and put aside the impulse to make claims of Cannon to the nomination things. The shout of triumph and the Xmas, an' after mos' ov the fellers out a whippin' the Yankees. When political capital out of Republican and to the support of North Carolina there are also other notes—the ripple had spoke, the cheerman sed, sez he, Bili got home he red a Procklama- failure to preserve prosperity. The Republicans are in themselves disof the river on its stones, the murmur 'I see here our 'stinguished frind and shun frum Abraham Lincoln calling thanks they get for it is the effort of tinguished for a remarkable versasufferer, Col. Bill Snipes, ov Rham- on the Konfederate soldiers ter "dis- little two-gor-five-cent politicians to tility of appeal. For instance, we katte, whose liberty hav been took perse themselves," and Bill Arp sed make the people believe that the Ted- learn that Cannon "comes of good old

> vis and Jeter Pritchard and Sinators Guvner Bob Glenn and the wimmen and the preachers had made up their minds to destroy all liberty in Norf Kaliny and it was a tarnal disgrace, could disperse hisself. They hav druy me out o' bizness, I tole em, and I laid it out an' was applauded to the echo. I didn't know I cud speak so fine be4.

"Well, when I sot down the boss black. Mistakes are just the steps of man sed: 'Brer Snipes, what course do you ricommend ter defete this State Proherbishun tackle on liberty? What must 'we do to be saved?'

"Then I up and sed thet thair wasn't but one way to stop this Proherbishun bizness and its a sure way. "'What is it?' axed all the crowd.

"'Kill the wimmin, shet up the children, muzzle the newspapers, make the judges dumb, nail up the churches and the skule-houses, expel the men frum the churches, an' then we may git our liberty back.'

"They hissed me and sed I wuz

fule, but when I showed em that I finds his perceptions sharpening, his had plenty ov munny they cum ter the konkensious thet I was a jokin'. The meetin' resolved ter git the National Licker Concern to giv us a pile of the Long Green and fer us all ter keep mum about thet meetin'. Well, I've bin back erbout a week and haint sed nary a word, but yistiddy ness and security and happiness, but I get er letter frum the hed man and it was so kurious thet I have kum to ax you what it means. I aint no edsant that all this can be blotted out dycated man and you is. The letter sed thet I an' all the other fellers who hed sold or made licker must efface ourselves'. Now, what does thet mean? I'm reddy to do anything ctrange and new experiences, has it's I kin in reason ter git back the liberty ter sell licker, but I don't know how ter 'efface' myself, whatever thet

With that Bill handed me the letter which sed somewhat likeunto

Sodom, N. C., Feb. 22. Dear Col. Snipes:

We hez decided ter bete State Proherbishun if we kin do so. We kin raise sum money frum the National Licker Concern ef the Home Booze folks will cherp in with the dough. We hez assessed you \$500. Pleze send it

p. d. q. ter the Treaserer. We hev hired Cap'n Jeremiah Armstrong Git-Their-Eli, the smartest lawyer in Sodom, ter charges a stiff price ter be the Postul uv Persunnel Liberty ter Sell Licker in North Kaliny, and he sez thet the only way we kin win is ter let him run th' whole bizness, hire all the spouters and lawyers and tell the folks that the Licker Dealers don't keer a hurrah about the kampaign and thet he haz tuk up the fight ter presarve the liberty ov the individual ter git drunk er ter du ez he

dem plezes whinever he plezes. The capting sex he kin hire a lawyer in most ov the kountles who is a good politicianer of thar is money enuff and of he kaint git a lawyer in each kounty he kin hire sum other pollytishun ter run the kampane, and thet we hav a chans ter win ef the men who has bin in the licker bizness will efface themselves and let their hired men run the

whole kampane. Now, Col. Snipes, we air deter-

mined ter tak the advice of Capt. Jeremiah Armstrong Git-Their-Eli, give him and the fellers he hires in the various kountles the money, and ter efface ourselves from public view. Ov kourse in a quiet way we kin git our friends ter vote agin Proherbishun, but the main thing our lawyer insists on is thet nobody knows that we air in the fight. "You must efface yourselves, everyone of you licker dealers," is his chief pint. Now, Colonel Bill, send in the money, work on the quiet, and be sure ter efface yourself and we kin win Liberty ter hav a saloon at every Cross Rodes in the State, and soon Rhamkatte will be

Yourn fer Liberty. OLE BOOZE,

Orginizer. When he had finished readin' Bill got rid ov the saloons and the up and sed, sez he: "Now I am redy blind tigers the Roaster has cum out ter efface myself fer Liberty ter git

Snipes that we wuz all so soked and found that "efface" meant ter sometimes we cuddent print the "to cause to disappear," and we told Roaster. Bill needn't fer to work Bill thet Mr. O. Booze's advice ment stalled or or horse. To accumulate awhile fer he made a pile sellin' the thet he and all the licker folks must booze. He hadn't ben in the Roaster disappear, git to cover, vamooze, saw offis sence he wuz up fer runnin the wood, keep out of sight and say noth-Tiger, and we knowed something was in' an' let the hired managers git in the lime-light and make tend that they "Hav a seat, Bill," we sed, perlite were workin' fer Persunnel Liberty like. "and as soon as we can git our an' wuddent speke ter a licker deal-We haint ever yet payed Bill all an' thet of he spoke at all ter the big goes into a saloon on Sundays.

> Bill didn't say much, put his letter "Thet's what I kum ter find out." in his pocket, an' the nex' day I heerd

he went out to an old field and tried dy Bear idle engines are due to a little Quaker stock"-here arrives Elwood "Bein' called on. I up an' made em all day ter disperse hisself an' ter be passenger rate reduction in North Cox, plous and temperate, seeking to the source of legislation in the couna speech. I tole em that Guvner Jar- a good United States citizen agin. but thet it wuz easier ter tell a feiler ter disperse hisself than it was ter go out and ter do the dispersing.

We calkerlate thet Bill kaint no more efface hisself then Bill Arp

RIGHT.

the employes of the Southern Railway who have families to support object to being made to bear all the loss caused by the panic that came under the high tariff and single gold standard. They are right about it. If the earnings of the railroad have fallen off so that retrenchment necessary, the burden should chiefly borne by the owners of the property as in cases of other property owners. Because of the panic, upon the petition of railway employes, owners and the recommendations of the Governor, the Legislature increased the passenger rate. No other industry could get such help. While the bill was pending in the House prominent cotton mill man said he wished the Legislature would help the textile interests by permitting an increase in the price of their goods.

The Southern Railway employes declare that if the panic continues with such severity the owners of the stocks and bonds should be made to bear a share of the reductions and it should not all be saddled upon the men who risk their lives and leave their homes to run the trains and work in the shops. They are right in that contention and the higher officials of the road, whose salaries are to be reduced also, should go to Pierpont Morgan and his associates who for ten years and more have been receiving interest and dividends on watered stock and watered bonds and tell them that they must share the

their wages demanded by the agents of J. Pierpont Morgan ,the representatives of the machinists, engineers, telegraphers and conductors will probably demand to be shown a veridue at the Corporation Commission on the first day of February. Mempers of the Legislature vainly asked to be shown a comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures in North Carolina during the last quarsaid they had not been able to tabuuary necessary to furnish the denied the labor vote." information. When the Southern Railway failed to furnish this report on the first of February, the Corporation Commission again called for it and received the answer that it would be ready in a few days. Twenty days went by and still no report. Then another letter was sent asking for it and one day last week a letter was The death of Mr. W. S. Hemby, at public will have something up which to base their action provid

is correct. It will be remembered that the Legislature of 1907 relied upon the sworn reports of the officials of the Southern Railway, and when the case was before the Standing Master the officials went on the stand and swore that the former sworn report was not correct, and that the rate fixed upon the basis of that sworn report ought to be, set aside because it was not correct. When this report comes to the Corporation Commission "in few days"-whenever that may bethe Commission or the employes of both, ought to investigate to whether it is like the former sworn report, examining into the various items to see what lobbying and subsidizing, if any, was put into the "operating expenses." If the direction of President Roosevelt to the Interstate Commerce Commission to examine into the matter is to be of value to the employes in their present effort to prevent the saddling of all the losses upon them, they must act immediately, for facts that might prevent the reduction if delayed may not prevent the cut of wages to them. If the Interstate Commission can not at once go into the matter, if they or the employes will retain such lawyers as Hon, F. A. Woodard and Hon, E. J. Justice, who would have secured all these facts if the Standing Master and Judge had not prevented full in-

ers ought to share the losses the panic Republicans there is spread an inhas occasioned. They call the idle engines "the Teddy Bears," indicating that their idleness has come dur- toddy;" as war-like and unterrified ing the Roosevelt administration. In so far as government has to do with arrived, or from whence, it is bootless the panic, the Republicans are re- to inquire. It is here and it is talking sponsible for they are in full control, in a hundred different ways. and Republican policies have been shown to be incapable of preventing of the support that he will obtain in panics and hard times.

quiry into part of the transactions,

Carolina.

Prohibition is a moral question addressed to the conscience of every individual voter. The Catawba County News truly says: "Let no one try to injure the cause of temperance by saying it is a Democratic measure. It SPENCER RAILROAD MEN ARE is a Democratic and Republican measure. Not one single vote was against it in the Senate and very few The news comes from Spencer that votes in the House. It is a bigger question than any political party."

It being now conceded that Bryan will be nominated for President, the wise men in the Democratic party are now considering whom to nominate for Vice President. The North Carolina Convention in 1906 named the best ticket as Bryan and Aycock. It cannot be beat. If a Southern man should not be selected, ex-Governor Douglass, of Massachusetts, will probably be named.

When Russell was elected, the people were promised good government and they got a reign of terror and rottenness, and yet the Winston Republican, which supported Russell, has the nerve now to say: "To be plain, it is through the Republican party alone that the political and industrial salvation of North Carolina can be happily and permanently

Some twenty years ago a Davidson county man devised certain property with the condition that if any fiddling, dancing or card-playing or parties were held on the land the title would be forfeited. A suit is probable to declare the land forfeited. Should the courts hold the limitations reason-

In the death of Mr. Crosby Noves, editor of the Washington Star, American journalism has lost one of its best men. For sixty years he had been reductions that may be found to be an active journalist and as the head of the most prosperous paper in the Before accepting the reductions in national capital he had exerted wide influence. He stood for high ideals and opposed sensationalism.

Capt. Lovill tells us that he received the news before he came home last Saturday that his venerable father. fled statement of the receipts of the Dr. Lovill, died at his home at Nevaroad during the past quarter. It was da, Mo., early in this month. Had he lived two months longer he would have been 95 years old .- Watauga Democrat.

The Greensboro Telegram shows that it has a full appreciation of the national situation when it says: "Unter of 1907. The railroad officials ion labor doesn't think much of Taft and it thinks less of Cannon. If late the reports since the first of Jan- either is nominated, Bryan will get

Rockefeller's new gift of over two million dollars will enable Chicago University to increase the salaries of professors twenty-five per cent. If it will reduce the fool notions emanating from that place twenty-five per

cent. the money will be well expended. received again promising to furnish Memphis, Tenn., removes a capable the information in a few days. When North Carolina journalist who had it is received, the employes and the made good in another State. He was a native of Union county and at one ime edited the Charlotte Chronicle.

"UNCLE JOE" THE "SOUTHERN

Evidences multiply that on the

eve of a National convention Uncle

Joe Cannon has remembered that he

was born in North Carolina and has determined-even at considerable expense-to recall the fact to the members of his party within the State. Outside of the visible fact of the Greensboro Bureau and the allegiance of such foes of the Adams organization as ex-Judge Bynum, Sam Bradsher, Hiram Grant, J. Elwood Cox and others of means and ability-or independent jobs- the past few weeks have brought a potent change over the spirit, life and hopefulness of the rank and file of doodlers, hangers-on and workers in the party. Where there was a despairing stillness, there is now a cackle of opposition; where there was a sad and discouraged company of the politically unemployed, there has grown up an activity that vents itself in cheerful talk; where there was "seediness." there is fine raiment; where there were down-at-the-heels, there are patent leathers; where there was the humble chewing of navy plug, there is now the proud puffing of red-banded cigars/ The influence of Uncle Joe is over the Republican landscape, celebrated with good eating, fine liquors and incense of Havana tobacco, and across the faces of whom the office-holders made Ishmaelites is the truth can be discovered within a smile like unto a Shylock with his ducats safe and his revenge at hand. The employes are right. The own- Throughout the whole body of active fluence as mellow as Uncle Joe himself; as potent as the Speaker's "long

as a Cannon "cuss-word." When it

Apart from the diverse character North Carolina-a support extending from Judge Bynum, who, it is stated, place in the Presidential chair a Disciple of Peace. We learn-now that he has admitted it-that Cannon was born in Guilford county-here step on board the patriots of New Garden, of Greensboro and of High Point. We know with what power he rules the House, with what lust for war and contempt for abuse he carries out his own notions, regardless of public sentiment-with what insolence he pre-

vents consideration of the Appalachian Reserve and the bill to respect prohibition territory—gather the distillers and Romulus Zig Zag Linney under the banner. Tales filter down from Washington of the science with which the Cannon profanity finds expression, of the length of the Cannon drink-proceed to shout the thirsty and to enthuse the profane. Down to the mountain districts, to the barren stretches of the coast wing the stories of the Cannon simplicity of dress; and every Republican who tucks his breeches into his stockingless boot-legs warms with a feeling of greatness and kinship for a coming President dressed in jeans and without a collar. Is narrated an account of how at the age of three score years and twenty, the Speaker has started on cocktails, progressed through a dozen

out the asking. Truly, Cannon is a wonder; and a wonder worker. Yet, with all this appeal to every phase of opinion and prejudice. Cannon stresses most his simplicitywhich is the simplicity of a David Harum without the latter's heart. Of his appearance the correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, writing of the dress of the President, the Vice-President and the Speaker, says of the

courses and twenty wines and end-

ed up with liqueurs and a poker

game-am the sports are his with-

"Speaker Cannon is a total loss s far as clothes are concerned. Once in a while he looks pretty good, but most of the time he looks like hell."

In a recent issue of a magazine was reported the experience of an uninitiated member of Congress who attempted to interview the Speaker on some matters of important legislation Cannon, his cigar standing militantly out the corner of his mouth, paced up and down with a far-away look in his eye and a face so expressionless as to leave the member under the impression that he was deaf. He raised SPIRIT OF THE PRESS eliciting any response. Finally, however, he dropped his voice almost to a whisper and suggested:

"Let's have a drink." Instantly the Speaker turned: "Sure!" he said.

This is the man whom ex-Judge Bynum, representing the legal ability of North Carolina Republicanism, is expected to nominate at Chicago as "North Carolina's favorite son," as "the Quaker candidate," etc. Judge thing from him on this occasion that of solidarity. will do justice to the subject in hand. What a picture he could draw of the Stler City Grit.

Speaker-candidate,—a shrewd, pugna- "War is Hell," said Sherman, and

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Such a picture could not fail to thrill the South and enthuse the convention. With Judge Bynum, Elwood Cox, Sam Bradshaw, Hiram Freedman Grant, Parson Leak and the immersed Methodists of the A. M. E. Crurch, South, in one good, strong, flyingwedge of color-blind patriotism, what may measure the force of the Cannon movement!

The time has come-we have been told-when the South should put out a candidate for President.

The caudidate has arrived and his name is "Uncle" Joe-an Uncle with whom the South can pawn its hopes of fair and honest treatment at the usual pawn-shop rates!

In a speech at Kansas City, ex-Secretary Shaw said: "The country is drifting toward a pure democracy.' Mr. Shaw should be given a ticket to the inauguration of Bryan on March

The Scaboa d Receivers would do well not to press their application to discontinue the Shoo Fly. It is an important train and a reduction elsewhere than in denying needed service should be the policy.

What caused the panic? Mark Twain says it was because of the removal of "In God We Trust" from the Gold Eagle.

Horne, Kitchin and Craig are all three for State prohibition and their records are good and their private

Out of a March Wind Into a Hur-Durham Herald. The man who quits the Democrats

to keep out of a fuss would not improve matters by joining hands with the Republicans. Depends On Whose Ox Is Gored.

Columbia State. The New York Tribune speaks of the "unwholesome solidarity of the South" in politics. But, of course, the political solidarity of New England, Bynum is without a peer in his party for instance, is by no means "unwholeas a speaker and we expect some- some." It all depends upon the brand

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