

## The Scrap Book

### A Soft Answer.

Two sisters while visiting in Ireland got into conversation one day with a tenant of their hostess. One of the girls, who is quite stout, asked the old Irishwoman if she would have known them for sisters.

"Well," was the answer, "ye look alike, but yer sister's slender, while you, miss—well, you favor the quane."

### FREEDOM.

Is true freedom but to break fetters for our own dear sake? And, with leathern hearts, forget that we owe mankind a debt? No; true freedom is to share all the chains our brothers wear. And, with heart and hand, to be earnest to make others free.

They are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak. They are slaves who will not choose hatred, scolding and abuse. Rather than in silence shrink from the truth they needs must think. They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three.

—Lowell.

### Forbidden Fruit Is Sweet.

Rev. Madison C. Peters, the New York clergyman, told this story to a group of young men: "I was strolling one fine spring morning in a beautiful park when I said to one of the guards, 'Look here, why do you have 'Keep off the grass' signs all over the park? You don't seem to enforce the rule.' 'No, sir,' said the guard. 'The object of the sign is to cause the people to more thoroughly enjoy being on the grass.'"

### When Pat Laughed Last.

Two Englishmen on a visit to Ireland hired a boat for the purpose of having a sail.

One, thinking he would have a joke at Pat's expense, asked him if he knew anything about astrology.

"Be jabbers, no!" said Pat. "Then that's the best part of your life just lost."

The second Englishman then asked Pat if he knew anything about theology.

"The jabbers, no!"

"Well, I must say that's the very best part of your life just lost."

A few minutes later a sudden squall arose, and the boat capsized. Pat began to swim. The Britons, however, could not swim, and both called loudly to Pat to help them.

"Do you know anything about swimming?" asked Pat.

"No," answered both.

"Well, be jabbers, then both of your lives is lost!"

No Doubt of It.

The lesson was from the "Prodigal Son," and the Sunday school teacher was dwelling on the character of the elder brother.

"But amid all the rejoicing," he said, "there was one to whom the preparation of the feast brought no joy, to whom the prodigal's return gave no pleasure, but only bitterness; one who did not approve of the feast being held and had no wish to attend it. Now, can any of you tell who this was?"

"Please, sir, it was the fattest calf," cried several in chorus.

Entertainment for Englishmen.

Two American girls invited two Englishmen to visit them at their country home in America. One day a message came saying the two men would arrive that afternoon. The family was thrown into a fever of excitement, and many plans of entertainment were suggested. It was finally decided that, as Englishmen are notoriously fond of a "tub" and their guests were coming directly from the train, they should first be invited to take a bath. The young men arrived promptly and, after some demurring, were hurried off to the bathroom. In about an hour they emerged and went immediately to the hostess, saying, "We are sorry to leave so soon, but we only came to make a call and our train leaves in fifteen minutes."—Lippincott's.

More Than Enough.

An eight-year-old boy went to a church picnic and, being a favorite with the ladies, had been liberally supplied with good things to eat. Later in the day one of the ladies noticed the boy sitting near a stream with a woe-begone expression on his face and his hands clasped over his stomach.

"Why, what's the matter, Willie?" she kindly asked. "Haven't you had enough to eat?"

"Oh, yes'm," said the boy. "I've had enough. I feel as though I don't want all I've got."

A Lincoln Comparison.

When Lincoln was practicing at the bar, the opposing lawyer in a case had delivered a speech for the prosecution which was an exhibition of the man's conceit. When he was through, Lincoln rose slowly to his feet and addressed the court as follows:

"Your honor, my colleague, who has just delivered this brilliant exhibition of oratory, reminds me of a little fat bottom steambot that way back in the fifties used to pull up and down the Mississippi. It had a five foot boiler and an eleven foot whistle, and every time it whistled it stopped."

An Old Man in Georgia named Jack Baldwin, having lost his hat in an old dry well one day, hitched a rope to a stump and let himself down. A wicked wren named Neal came along just then and, quietly detaching a bell from Baldwin's old blind horse, approached the well. Bell in hand, and began a tug-a-lug.

Jack thought the old horse was coming and said: "Hang the old blind horse! He's coming this way sure, and he ain't got no more sense than to fall in on me. Whoo, Ball!"

The sound came closer.

"Great Jerusalem! The old blind fool will be right on top of me in a minute. Whoo, Ball! Whoo, Ball!"

Neal kicked a little dirt on Jack's head, and Jack began to pray:

"O Lord, have mercy on—whoo, Ball!—a poor sinner. I'm gone now—whoo, Ball! Our Father, who art in—whoo, Ball—hallowed be thy—gee, Ball—gee, what'll I do?—name. Now I lay me down to sl—gee, Ball! (Just then in fell more dirt.) O Lord, if you ever intend to do anything for me—back, Ball! Whoo!—thy kingdom come—gee, Ball! O Lord, you know I was baptized in Smith's mill dam—whoo, Ball! Ho! Up! Murder! Whoo!"

Neal could hold in no longer and shouted a laugh which might have been heard two miles, which was about as far as Jack chased him when he got out.—Atlanta Journal.

A Perplexed Political Economist.

When the fight against Cuban reciprocity was at its bitterest point in congress, Senator Burrows of Michigan received this letter from a constituent:

Dear Senator—If this here reciprocity business is fixed between us and Cuba as they say we'll have to grow our own turkeys or else make them Cubans rich enough to buy the ball country. I do a little chicken raising and I don't believe in selling up no more. I'd like to raise my own pig. I ain't no hand to eat favors, but if you could send me a package of turkie seed it would be remembered.

P. S. I want to raise the kind of pig with its things onto it.

No Chance for Argument.

"George," said she to her huge lord, who was toasting his shins before the fire, "I suppose you got the credit for sweeping the snow off our front walk?"

"I reckon I do, Cynthia," responded George.

"And you know you don't do a lick of it. I do it myself."

"There can't be any doubt about that."

"Well, what sort of a man do you think you are?"

"I'm a damned small specimen of a man, Cynthia," said George, still serenely toasting his shins. "I have no doubt I am inferior and more contemptible than you think. You can't get into any argument with me on that proposition. I'm the heaviest, good for nothing, contemptible man in the neighborhood. If it wasn't that I've got such a good wife, I'd go and blow my worthless brains out. Supper ready yet, dear?"

Got Even at Last.

Court had been waiting fifteen minutes for the stenographer to arrive. Then some one was sent to the telephone to find out why.

"Do you mean to tell me," she demanded, "that I have kept forty-one men waiting fifteen minutes for me?"

"That's it."

"Well, I'll be right along. That is a funny thing. I have been waiting all these years for just one man, and now forty-one of them are waiting for me."

What the Tree Would Say.

Bishop Seymour of Minnesota while walking with a young lady pointed out to her some of the fine trees in the neighborhood. She professed great interest and delight. She cried:

"How the noble aspect of beautiful trees stirs up the keenest emotions of the soul!" Then, putting a great, rough trunk, she went on, "You superb oak, what would you say to me if you could talk?"

"I believe I can be his interpreter," the Bishop murmured. "He would probably say, 'I beg your pardon, miss, I am a tree.'"

Waiting for a Jury to Grow.

"I have a case still pending in a south Georgia justice court that has been there since 1870," remarked Judge Spencer R. Atkinson, former justice of the supreme court, to a group of friends at the capital.

"Soon after I began the practice of law I took a case for a client involving a verbal contract for building a log cabin. The amount involved was less than \$100, so suit was brought in the justice court of the little country district where the defendant, the owner of the log cabin, lived. By consent of all parties the matter was referred to a jury. The first jury came in with a verdict.

"Another jury was called, and there was another mistrial, and so it went on for six or seven terms of court, each successive jury failing to reach a verdict.

"Then, one day, just before it was time to call the case up for submission to the seventh or eighth jury, I received this note from the justice of the peace:

"Dear Sir—I write this to let you know the case of Beckham agt. Lyles cannot be tried no more in this court. You have used up all the juries in the district and it won't be possible to get no more juries until some grows up or some more folks moves in. I have wrote the same notice to the other side."

Yours truly, P. WILLIAMS, Justice of the Peace, 4th district G. M.

"With that we dropped the case by common consent and have been waiting ever since for a new jury to grow."

Not What She Expected.

A widow had been courted and won by a physician. She had children. The wedding day was approaching, and it was time the children should know they were to have a new father. Calling one of them to her she said, "George, I am going to do something before long that I would like to talk about with you."

"What is it, ma?"

"I am intending to marry Dr. Jones in a few days, and—"

"Butly for you, ma! Does Dr. Jones know it?"

## GREATER PROSPERITY FORETOLD FOR THE UNITED STATES.

European Failures Will Force World to Look to America for Food—Wheat Outlook Is Better—Most Grain Is Short With Prospect For Oats Bad.

The outlook for an unprecedented year of prosperity for the farmers of the country and commercial interests, including the railroads as well, is evidenced by the Government crop report for August, which was issued at Washington.

Never before in the history of the nation has the outlook been so bright for high prices on the average for all farmers' commodities.

The situation today is this: There is a shortage of 300,000,000 bushels of corn, 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, 100,000,000 bushels of oats by comparison with last year.

According to the report the outlook for the wheat crop is far better than it was a month ago. The oat crop, it is stated by those conversant, is the worst known in years, besides being 100,000,000 bushels short.

The Government crop report estimate in detail is as follows:

Winter wheat, 409,500,000 bushels.

Spring wheat, 229,000,000 bushels.

Oats, 876,000,000 bushels.

Rye, 31,300,000 bushels.

Barley, 169,000,000 bushels.

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In commenting on the present crop outlook, James A. Patten, who owns 15,000,000 bushels of oats, said:

"I look for an unprecedented year of prosperity among the farmers and all the general business interests of the country. While there is a great shortage in the crops, the increase in price will more than make up for it to the farmers."

"The oat crop will be one of the worst in the history of the country. Not only will there be a shortage of about 100,000,000 bushels, but that which is harvested will be of a poor grade."

"The railroads of the land will have all the grain they can handle. In fact, some of the roads will find it difficult to care for the shipments."

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### Jurors For September Term.

FIRST WEEK: U. L. Jackson, J. F. Hurley, E. G. Green, J. M. Roberts, Jas. Batten, Alexander Livingston, J. M. Tucker, W. T. Morton, B. P. Haywood, H. F. Hulin, W. F. Kirkman, J. A. Kirk, D. D. McKinnon, Leach Russell, J. M. Sikes, A. F. Parker, H. R. Clark, E. R. Stoker, Boling King, J. R. Hutton, M. A. Thomas, E. C. Ryan, M. J. LeLand, W. H. Reynolds, J. S. Moore, R. L. Dennis, W. T. Smith, J. P. Cole, J. A. Floyd, A. L. Williams, A. R. Soley, O. J. Poole, M. C. Brewer, J. B. Green, W. A. McDonald, G. N. Scarborough.

SECOND WEEK: B. F. Bean, W. B. Hicks, J. C. Smith, W. B. Johnson, J. E. Luck, Jr., Geo. W. Coggin, J. A. Mares, Daniel Parsons, H. A. Martin, J. D. Green, M. T. Gilling, E. M. Overton, A. W. Burri, R. W. Gandy, J. E. Shaw, W. L. Andrews, W. G. Williams, J. C. Britton.—From The Montgomery Advertiser.

Prof. J. Allen Holt has announced that he will be a candidate before the next democratic congressional convention for the fifth district. Prof. Holt says that he has been in the city for some time.

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