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Converting Sinners.
NOVEL AND MUSCULAR METHODS OF
THE NUBBIN RIDGE EXHIBITORS.

During a recent revival at
Nubbin Ridge meeting house, the chief
exhorter, old Dave Henly, was so suc-
cessful in his mourners' bench, per-
sistence that but one sinner remained.
This obstinate sinner was a brawny
young fellow named Calvin Hicks. One
afternoon, while the meeting-house
was crowded, a number of the brethren held
a consultation with old Dave Henly,
and shortly afterward old Dave arose
and said:
"Everybody that wants to go to
heaven stand up."
Everybody except Calvin, who was
sitting over in a corner, arose.
"Calvin," said old Dave, "don't
you want to go to heaven?"
"Ain't hurtin' to go," Calvin answered.
"Is it possible that you want us to
leave you behind?"
"Well I don't reckon I'll be so might-
y fur behind when you fellows get there."
"Now, look here, Calvin, these folks
have put me up as exhorter; they have
confidence in me, and I want to tell
you right here that you've got to stand
up. If you don't shame Satan you
shan't shame us. Do you hear?"
"Ain't deaf."
"Well, then, hearken to my voice."
"Ain't to a harkenin' to day."
"Calvin!"
"That's what they call me."
"Ain't you goin' to stand up?"
"When I get tired of settin'."
Young man, you air a cuss to this
here community.
"Well, the community is a cuss to
this here community."
"Calvin, you have been known to
get drunk."
"So did old Noah get drunk, and I
reckon he's all right now."
"Calvin you go to shindigs and dance."
"So did old David dance, but I ain't
hearn no complaint about him."
THEY SING A HYMN.
"Brethren we will sing a stiritin' hime
and see what effect that will have on
this here black sheep," said the exhort-
er.
They sang with swelling tumult.
Calvin sat chewing his tobacco and
spitting through his front teeth. A
young woman, greatly excited, made
her way to the stubborn sinner and,
seizing him by the arm, implored him
to get up.
"If you love me, Calvin, you—"
"Oh, I love you well enough."
"If you'll do as they want you to—
if you will only go to Heaven, I'll marry
you to-day."
"Kain't marry me if I go to heaven.
They ain't give in marriage thar."
"Oh, you know what I mean. Just
see how they are lookin' at you."
"Yes, see how I am lookin' at them."
"You'll break my heart."
"If I do I'll keep the pieces."
"Ain't you goin' to get up?"
"Yes, when I get tired a settin'."
"Yes, where I get tired a settin'."
"Ain't," said the exhorter, "I am
tired foolin' with you."
"All right then stop."
"I'll not stop yet, want you to un-
derstand that. Answer me yes or no.
Do you want to go to Heaven?"
"Do you?"
"Why don't you go, then?"
"I am waiting to be called there."
"Must have to wait a long time."
"That's all right, but I want you to
understand one thing. The brethren
have put your case in my hand. They
want you to repent and you've got to
do it. You stand up now, or I'll whip
you, sah."
"You ain't chased enough hog meat
yet."
"We'll see befo' we git through who
has chased the most hog meat. Air
you goin' to stand up?"
"Am when I get ready."
"But will you be ready patty soon?"
"When I get tired of settin'."
Old Dave brushed aside the people as
he advanced, approached Calvin, and
taking him by the ear, said:
"Air you ready to stand up?"
Calvin got up—got up with a bound,
catching Dave on his hip with a quick-
ness that surprised the old man. The
congregation made room, and, in a
series of irregular bounces, the combatants
reached the door and bounded out un-
der the trees. The congregation pour-
ed out; the two men espoused plous-
taneously. Calvin got old Dave's hand

under his arm; Dave bit him painfully
in the short ribs. The effect of the
bite was so noticeable that an end (tent
though much interested brother re-
mained:
"The old mans set diggin'."
The combatants danced a schottische,
then softened into a waltz with changes
about equal, but when the performance
was suddenly thrown into that species
of dance known as 'doing the bunch' old
Dave, a side, aided by his great expe-
rience, tripped Calvin and sprouted him
upon the ground.
"Calvin," said old Dave, as he sat up
on the sinner.
"That's what they call me."
"Do you want to go to heaven?"
"Bl'ere I do."
"Will you profess?"
"Bl'ere I will."
"Well, then, come on in here and go
down at the bench. Brethren, let us
have a stiritin' time."
Calvin professed and instead of re-
gretting it he is now the chief exhorter
of the Nubbin Ridge meeting house.

WHY THEY STAYED
Parson—There were few
present at the prayer meeting
yesterday evening. I suppose
they were detained at home by
the heavy showers.
Deacon—That's what I
thought at first, but I had my
suspicions and I determined
to sift the matter to the bot-
tom.
"What do you mean, dea-
con?"
"I mean I went to the circus
and my worst fears were
realized, for there were all the
absent members, and they not
only staid until the perfor-
mance was over, but they attend-
ed the concerts afterwards.
I never was so mortified in all
my life—[Texas Siftings.]

In North Carolina we have
built great cities for other
States. In North Carolina
we have furnished great men
—for other Commonwealths.
In north Carolina we have
built colleges and spent our
money to send abroad the
Gospel—for whice other
States have got the credit.
We have done great things for
our sister States, and help to
make them great and prosper-
ous, and give them reputation.
—State Chronicle.

TEN GOOD THINGS TO KNOW.
That cool rain water and soda will
remove machine grease from washable
fabrics.
That ripe tomatoes will remove ink
and other stains from white cloth, also
from the hands.
That a tablespoonful of turpentine
boiled with white clothes will aid in the
whitening process.
That boiled starch is much improved
by the addition of a little sperai salt or
gum arabic dissolved.
That kerosene will soften boots and
shoes that have been hardened by water
and render them pliable as new.
That salt will curdle new milk; hence
in preparing milk porridge, gravies, etc.
the salt should not be added until the
dishes are prepared.
That clear boiling water will remove
tea stains and many fruit stains. Pour
the water through the stain, and thus
prevent it spreading over the fabric.
That kerosene will make tin tea-ket-
tles as bright as new. Saturate a wool-
en rag and rub with it. It will also
remove stains from varnished furniture.
That blue ointment and kerosene
mixed in equal proportions and applied
to the bedsteads is an unfailing bedbug
remedy, as a coat of whitewash is for a
wall of a log-house.
That beeswax and salt will make rus-
ty flatirons as clean and smooth as glass.
Tie a lump of wax in a rag and keep it
for that purpose.
When the irons are hot rub them first
with the wax rag, then scow with a pa-
per or cloth, sprinkled with salt.—Coun-
ty Journal.

FOR \$2,500,000.
A mortgage deed from the Rich-
mond & Danville Railroad Company to
the central Trust Company of New
York to secure bonds to the amount of
\$2,500,000 was filed from record at
Richmond, Va., on the 30th ultimo.
The object of the mortgage is to raise
money on bonds dated the third day of
september last, and to become due on
the first day of September, 1900, pay-
able in gold, and to bear interest at the
rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable
semi-annually. This loan is for the
purpose of meeting obligations due under
certain car trax leases and contracts,
to the amount of \$1,337,255, and for
the purchase of additional equipment and
rolling stock, as well as to be secure in
the continued use of the railroad equip-
ment and rolling stock covered by the
car trax leases. It is also proposed to
provide for the ultimate ownership of
all such railroad equipment and rolling
stock by means of the proceeds of the
bonds issued under the deed or trust
and mortgage.—Exchange.

PUNCTUALITY.
Judge Walter Clark is punctual him-
self and requires punctuality in holding
court. He has, therefore, caused sixty-
four clocks to be placed in as many
court-rooms in North Carolina. There
is a practical lesson in this. The el-
ement of morality enters in an engage-
ment. If you have an appointment you
have no moral right to disregard it. If
you have an appointment at 9 o'clock
you have no right to meet it at 9:05 or
9:30. If you are to open court at 10
o'clock you are simply bound to be on
time. If you are to begin a religious
meeting at an appointed hour you are
morally bound to meet your engagement.
Five minutes sooner or five minutes
later will not begin to do. You have
violated a solemn engagement, broken
your word, forfeited confidence, set a
bad example, and injured yourself.
What a fine example of punctuality
Rev. R. G. Pearson gives to his large
audiences. The late Rev. Dr. Wilbur
Fiske, one of the ablest and most learned
of American Methodists, de-
livered this as his opinion:
"I give this as my deliberate and
solemn conviction, that the individual
who is habitually tardy in meeting his
appointment will never be respected or
successful in life." The greatest of
British commanders, Lord Nelson,
boasted that by always being a quarter
of an hour before his time he had been
made a man. This will do in fighting,
no doubt, but it is not punctuality in
engagements of a civil or religious kind.
Let it be the habit of your life to be
prompt. Punctuality is a virtue. Cultivate it.

James Andrews, of Pittsburg, who has
been in New York several days, departed
on the night of the 27th, for the west.
He came here in connection with the
greatest engineering project of modern
times—the bridging of the Hudson river
from the New Jersey and New York
shores. To a reporter to-night he said:
"The bridge will certainly be built.
The plans have been completed by En-
gineer Lendenthal, of Pittsburg, and
pronounced by the best engineering au-
thorities as perfectly sound. Beside
this structure the Brooklyn bridge will
be a mere toy. The bill for permission
to bridge the Hudson river has already
been drawn up, and will be presented to
congress by a New York member
early in the coming session. It will be
a wonderful structure giving a route to
land all western freight in the heart of
New York City. The bridge will have
six railroad tracks. The Brooklyn
bridge is supported by two twisted steel
inch cables; this will have four each of
which will be four feet in diameter.
The span of the new bridge will be 2,800
feet in the rear, and will be 150 feet
above high water mark. The piers will be
wonderful masses of masonry, 500
feet high and broad and deep. The
bridge will cost about \$18,000,000, and
the New York end will be located some-
where between Fourteenth and twenty-
sixth streets. Those who are to build
the bridge are largely railroad men from
New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg.
—Exchange.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE SOUTH.
The fact that we desire to impress
upon all the newspapers of the North is
that the South is prosperous because it
is now, and has been for the past ten or
twelve years, under the control of its
own people. So long as it is permitted
to exercise the right of local self-gov-
ernment it will continue to prosper.
So soon as Congress begins to interfere
with the just and equal administration
of the laws in this section the South
will stand still or retrograde.—From
the Charleston News and Courier.

Many Persons
Are broken down from overwork or household
chore. Brown's Iron Bitters
restores the system, aids digestion, removes ex-
cess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

DEATH IN A LETTER.
Just a little while ago an occurrence
took place on the other side of the ocean
which, while by no means without a para-
lel, is still a matter that will interest
all who are fond of studying, in an am-
teous way, the transmission of disease. A
poor fellow died in London of typhoid
fever, and his wife sent to a friend in
Glasgow a letter conveying the news of
his decease. While fever at the time
was very prevalent in the neighborhood
where the London victim died there was
no sign of it in Glasgow then, but three
days after the receipt of the letter the
Glasgow friend grew sick with all ty-
phoid symptoms. The doctors who at-
tended him so diagnosed the case, and
expressed the opinion that notwithstanding
the long journey between Lon-
don and Glasgow the letter had carried
the germs of the disease.

A TONGUE TRIPPER.
Talking of pronunciation, oblige us,
says the Detroit Free Press, by saying
rapidly, six times, the following sweetly
touching lines:
Six sieves of sifted thistles,
Six sieves of unsifted thistles,
And six thistle sifters.
A TOAD'S INTELLIGENCE.
I was one day digging up a tree with
Professor Barwell in order to trans-
plant it, says Thomas Hill, D. D., in a
paper read in an Eastern city. Two or
three other professors stood looking on,
and I called their attention to an old
toad near by and advised them to watch
him. They laughed, but on my ques-
tioning them confessed that they had
never seen a toad eat. I threw him
some small earthworms as we them up
with the spade. The professors were as
delighted as children to see the dexterity
with which he snapped them up. Pres-
ently I turned up with one spadeful of
earth an enormous earthworm. I threw
it to the toad, and observed in him the
most decided evidence of reasoning pow-
er and executive ability that I ever saw
in an animal. At first he watched it as
a toad always will in the case of a large
worm, the worm ends alternately, in or-
der to see which was the head. The
worm is rough one way and smooth the
other, therefore his head can be put
down the toad's throat easier than the
tail end, and can not be pulled out half
so easily.
When my toad had decided which
was the head he transferred it by one
flap of his to his stomach, and instantly
nipped his jaws tight together. The
major part of the worm being in the air,
writhed about and twisted itself around
the toad's head; the toad waited until
the coil was loosed, and then gulped
down half an inch more of the worm,
and took a fresh nip with his jaws. But
there were many half inches in this e-
normously long worm, and when the
toad had succeeded by successive gulps
in getting down more than half its whole
length into his stomach, his jaws began
to grow tired, and he could not prevent
the worm from working his way partly
out again between the gulps. Presently
the worm was working out much faster
than the toad could swallow.
My sympathies were for the toad;
partly because he was higher in the
scale of being, but chiefly because I
had petted toads and felt as though my
honor was at stake. I was beginning
to fear lest I should have the mortifica-
tion of seeing the worm escape. But I
did injustice to the toad; his genius
rose to the occasion. He brought his
right hind foot up against his abdomen,
grasped through the walls of his abdo-
men, his stomach and the worm within
it, and at each successive gulp took a
fresh grasp with his foot, thus holding
the worm from coming out, and soon
succeeded in swallowing the whole.

WEST VIRGINIA TRAGEDIES.
A Wheeling, West Virginia, dispatch
on the 29th ultimo, says: Lincoln
county, or at least that part of it around
the county seat, is now in a ferment of
excitement concerning the fearful trag-
edies enacted within the borders of the
county Thursday night of last week.
There is quite a degree of interest un-
manifested to get accurate details of the
double killing at Green shonis, outside
above night. Intelligence from that
section is meagre, but enough is known
to satisfy the most incredulous that
Green McCoy and Milt Haley were rid-
dled with bullets on the night in ques-
tion by an organized force, numbering
sixty determined men. The latest re-
port received, and from a reliable man
who was detained several days, is to the
effect that McCoy and Haley im-
posed other prominent parties in the Brumfield
tragedy, alleging that they, McCoy and
Haley, were hired to kill little Al Brum-
field, his wife and Pars Brumfield, and
that they received \$500, or were to be
when the job was completed. The at-
tempt on little Al and his wife is well
known, and that the programme was
not fully carried out because the
Brumfields were too hot on the tracks
of the assassins. The report further
says that the result of these disclosures
has brought about open hostilities, and
that the aspect most threatening.—Ex-
change.

Commenting on John L. Sullivan's
latest spree and its consequences, the
Boston Journal says: "There is law
enough on the statute book, if only used,
to put a stop forthwith to the violation
of the peace now being practiced by
John L. Sullivan and his crowd. If it
is possible for a man and his cred-
itor to go about disturbing the quiet of the com-
munity taking almost absolute possession
of a hotel by brute force, and being
the cause of riot and bloodshed in bar-
ber shops, without feeling the hand of
the law, then it is time that we had a
special law to crush out such rowdies.
The district attorney could not doubt,
procure an indictment from the grand
jury under the law against common
brawlers? Will he do it?"

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