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SAYINGS OF RUBE HELTON, THE MISSOURI PHILOSPHER CODWELL

A Horse or Dog Will Make a Pretty Good Bible for One Looking for Friendship Truths,

Rube Helton, who lives two punctures and a blowout on the other side of Santee school house, asserts that life is not at all what we make it, because if we had any influence whatsoever on the making of life we would make it last longer. Rube insists that life is a non-refillable pocket with a hole in it and that death obviously is an unavoidable tragedy like the poll-tax or a Republican landside, says Frederick J. Liesman in the St. Louis Post-Dis-

"Life is entirely a matter o' what a man wants," says Rube, the sage of Maries county. "They's ist two things a man ever hollers about— his winnin's and his losin's; and they's ist two things a man can lose something he's got, something he wants. By usin' a little hoss sense regardin' what he wants a man can knock off half of his losin's. Take care o' your wants and your winnin's take care o' themselves. Don't aggrevate yourself into an appetite for somethin' what'll lay heavy on your stummick. Thust, a man's a whole lot like a hoss—give him everything he wants and he'll founder hisself." Justice and Verdicts.

It should be noted that the official Ozark language recognizes the word "just" only as an obsolete root word, decided opinions of his own; unlike Its modern derivatives, thus, "thust," "jest," "jist," "thist" and only cover the musical scale but also cover many shades of meaning. The word "thust," as used by Mr. Helton, conveys a sense of the abstract, as, merely or simply. As a sumping off place it performs somewhat the same service as the English world, however. The official Ozark language produces more derivatives than any known substance excepting coal tar.
"Lordy, man," says he a bit plain-tively, "I never loaded nor fired a

gun nor had a law suit in my life. I never had to shoot a man nor knock him on the head to git the best of him. My people came here a hundred and twenty-five years ago an dthey hain't one of 'em ever gone to the pen or 'sane asylum yet. Frank Farris says that 'there's a world's

For all his lack of experience in law suits old Rube is considered the champion of Maries county at "culling" a jury. Culling a jury means removing therefrom any man who is not known to be solidly in favor of the culler's side of the case.

"Thust, a properly culled and hand-picked jury is one o' the great-est blessin's o' human race," desired "I wouldn't swap that of a jury fer the best lawyer on earth. The law's ist about the only thing on earth that can be stretched all outs shape without spolin' it. Ef.

people wanted jestice half as bad as they want verdicts the little spiders' cobweb every court-room in Miz-

When a Man Gets Too Smart In the plain workaday affairs of life Rube assays five per cent initiative and ninety-five per cent referen-

"Thust, makin' a success o' either booze or business is a life-time job,' says he. "My people come here from packed the beddin' and the fryin' pan People were happy and on horses. contented then because corn was only ten cents a bushel.

'A man could got fat on a bushel o' corn where the ten cents would a-give him indigestion. The woods was full o' deer and turkeys and nobuddy ever et beef exceptin' shiftlesa people what didn't do nothin' but work their crops from daylight till dark. Thust, all you had to do, to kill a wild hog, was to miss a deer or a turkey. Nowadays you've got to raise a hog ist like you was bringing up a child; and the only way you can git back the value o' the corn you put into him is to eat the hog. It's as hard to keep a good price on what you raise as it is to keep the money arter you get it. When you get up in the mornin' you've got the whole world to face; and it's got Whenever you think you to face. odds is agin you ist remember that no one man ever run the whole world by hisself, but they's been many a time when the whole world was offerin' dead-or-alive rewards fer one man. When man gits so smart neighborhood he either runs fer office or runs fer life Like most Ozard men, Rube has

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most Ozark men, he is tolerant of those who differ with him.

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"Thust, they hasint no law to keep ary man what don't agree with me from showin' his durned ignorance. A man what'ell speak his opinions is a good man; but a man what'll bet his last nag in plowin' time is a good sport. Et everybody was right all the time you couldn't no more git up a good-hoss-race than you could put two drinks o' good whiskey into a pint bottle. Let the other fel ler have his opinions. That makes hoss-trades. Thust, when you trade hosses, you're ist tradin' your opinion on two hosses fer his opinion on 'em; and I've made more money thataway

than I've made on anything else."
"Thust," continues Mr. Helton, when it comes to fulfillin' the Scrip tures and bearin' each other's burthat he can out-sharp the whole dens a good nag'll pack pounds whar a man won't pack ounces. Ef God A'mighty could git half the work out of a man that a man can git out of a hoss they wouldn't be enough people in hell to make a petty jury. A man can't keep no better company than a hoss or a dog, but the hoss and the dog can do a heap better.

"A hoss or a dog'll ist make a purty good Bible for any man what's lookin' fer the rock-bottom truth on brotherly love and friendship. Five bundred per cent. o' human friendship is run fer a profit and the other five hundred per cent's got to be stall-fed to keep it from starvin' to death. Human friendship's got the eatinest appetite that's known to mankind. Thust, when you turn the feed-box over, the most o' friends'll step around you like a range boss around a rattlesnake. Ist about the best use a man can make of his eyes is to use one to watch the weather and t'other to watch his friends. Any man what ever run a red fox out of a hen-roost has got a purty good idee o' what your ene-mies'll do; but figgurin' what your friends'll do is a whole lot like watchin' a woman throw a rockyour safety's entirely in the hands God and natur'."

Rube has his forefather's belief in surreme being. All his life he has tuck to a remarkably consistent attitude on chuch going-he never goes at all. Yet, since he never has ad-vocated the destruction of church houses, it must be taken for granted that he believes in church-with reservations.



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