Plunkett's Talk.

"The seasons are different, folks are different, everything is different from what it used to be," said Plunkett, as he squared his chair around to face Brown.

"Thar's no difference in niggers," said Brown.

"The elements are getting in such er fix that you don't know where to build nor how to build nor where it is any use to build at all."

"You're right," said Brown.

suit the springs and er fellow was us get back to the old Bible and mor'n apt to have er branch close simple ways, hang the sharpers and by ter water stock. If you build in sensationalists or come up and acer valley or beside er branch these knowledge that we won't stand freedays there is mor'n apt to come er- dom."-Sarge, in the Atlanta Conlong one of these cloudbursts and stitution. wash thunder outen everything and and it's been that way and getting worser and worser ever since the war."

"Guano's the cause," suggested Fourth o' July's nothin' so it!—New Year's ain's a Brown.

"We used to think a dove-tailed log house would stand all storms and folks were all serene in one of 'em. Now er cyclone will come erlong and pick up a hewed-log, dove-tailed house, and knock thunder outen it as easy as if it was er pen built outen broom straws.

"You're right," said Brown. "We used to plant corn in February and cotton in March, and the frost would sweeten the 'simmons by the last of September. You can wear er linen duster now till Christmas and need an overcoat till the first er June.

"You're right," said Brown.

"This fellow will tell you one thing is the matter and another fellow will tell you something else is the cause of the change of the seasons, and they get me addled so darned if I know whether I'm

"Guano! Guano! Guano is the whole cause!" excaimed Brown, as he slapped his hands on his knees.

"Some of the scientific fellows say it's cutting down the trees, and some of 'em say it's filling the country with railroads and wires, some of 'em calls it er vacuum and some one thing and some another, and so it's been ever since the war."

"It's guano," said Brown,

"In my school days we had pictures of hurricanes in the books and our teachers would tell us erbout their great rippings erround in Africa and it was one of the strange | three or four hundred people had been things we used to listen to. It's not strange since the war. Every child in the land now knows more erbout cloudbursts and cyclones than the best school teachers in my young days, and er baby three weeks old will prick up its ears when the thunder roars."

"It's guano," said Brown. "My notion is that this using of so much chemicals is what's the matter. They do now what the Lord never tried to do-make ice in the summer time. They make whiskey with chemicals, and its chemicals this and chemicals that and chemicals tother thing. Guano is made outer chemicals and it's spread all over the country. It escapes and and it busts things financially with the farmers and it's er darned bust and will bust the country if we do not quit it,'

"Religion is different, too," said Plunkett, with a frown at Brown. "Scientific fellows addle us with science, and sensational fellows with always be depended upon. Trial

"Sharpers are going erround getting up money on one religious scheme or another, till they tell me that they are now selling wings to fly to glory on.

Georgia nigger for giving up money for these wings, but I've seed the day when the methods of some of our most popular preachers of these times would have been held in the same contempt as are the tricks of these pretended Mesias. We've got to change and get back to the good this section by the late rains. Up old time religion or the country's to yesterday it was generally con-

gone." "You're right," said Brown.

world has ever known were those try .- Henderson Gold Leaf.

faith in the good old Bible.

"You're right," said Brown. "The mothers and fathers used to take the little children upon their knees and learn 'em er verse from the good book every night after supper, and these little verses were repeated by the children upon the opening of school in the morning. You can't do that now. Fereigners have got too much to say about itthe country's too free, and we're "We used to build our houses to goners if the thing keeps on. Let

LONG AFORE HE KNOWED.

Jes' a little bit o' feller—I remember still— Ust to almost cry fer Christmas, like a youngster

Lordy, though! at night, you know, to set ar The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer, And "Santy" skootin' round the roof, all wrapped

in fur and fuzz-

Ust to wait, and set up late, a week er two ahead; Couldn't hardly keep awake, ner wouldn't go to Kittle stewin' on the fire, and Mother settin her

And me a dreamin' sleigh belis when the clock 'ad whir and buzz, Long afore

I knowed who
"Santy Claus" wuz!

Size the fireplace up, and figger how "Old Santy" he would: Wisht that I could hide and

what he'd say Ef he ketched a feller layin' fer him thataway! But I bet on him, and liked him, same as ef he had Turned to pat me on the back and say, "Look bere, my led, Here's my pack-jes' he'p yourse's, like all good boys does!"

"Santy Claus" wux Wisht that yarn was true about him, as it 'peared Truth made out o' lies like that un's good enough

Wisht I still wux so confidin' I could jes' go wild Over hangin' up my stockin's, like the little child Climbin' in my lap to-night, and beggin' me to tell Bout them reindeess, and "Old Santy" that she loves so well, I'm half sorry for this little girl-sweetheart of his-

"Santy Claus" is —James Whitcomb Riley.

Belief in dreams has received new adherents in Lincoln county, Me., owing to some strange circumstances attending the finding of the body of Elbridge Call. The account is given by The Bath Times as follows: For three or four days diligently scouring the woods and examining the ponds in the vicinity, when a brother-in-law of the missing man in whose care Call's motherless child had been left, dreamed that he had found the body of Call drowned under a bridge. After telling his wife and others of his dream he started to follow down a creek not far from his farm, over which his dream had located a bridge. Upon arriving in Dresden he sought his intimate friend and brother-in-law, Mr. Bowman Myers, and they both made their way to the little stream from a directly contrary direction from Call's home, and under the old country road stone bridge, so old that old people say that it was built before their time, they found the body.

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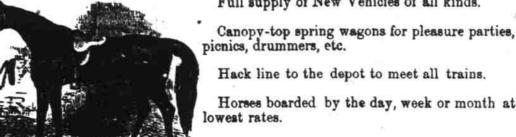
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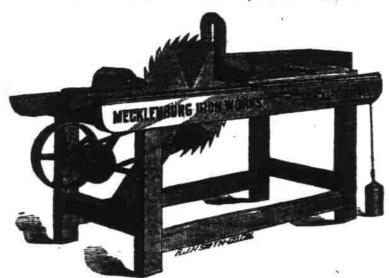
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