

HE TRIED MENDING.

SELECTIONS FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE DANBURY NEWS MAN.

The Great Question, Shall the Astors Lug Off the Money? Is Settled in Rather a Remarkable Way by a Munson Street Man.

[Copyrighted by Lee & Shepard, Boston, and published by special arrangement with them.] This is the way Astors are made: A Munson street man being told that there were several pieces of tin which needed mending conceived the idea of getting an iron and solder and doing the mending himself. His wife, filled with vague forebodings, perhaps, said that the expense was such a trifle that it would hardly pay to do it one's self, to which he responded:

"I'll admit that, in this one instance, it would not pay, but there is something being in want of repair every little while, and if I have the tools here for fixing it we are saved just so much expense right along. It may not be much in the course of a year, but every little helps, and in time the total would amount to a nice little lump. We don't want the Astors lugging off all the money in the country, by gracions!"

He got the iron (one dollar) and fifty cents' worth of solder and ten cents' worth of resin. He came home with these things and went into the kitchen looking so proud and happy that his wife would have been glad he had got them were it not for an overpowering dread of an impending muss. He called for the articles needing repair. His wife brought out a pan.

"Where's the rest? Bring 'em all out, an let me make one job of 'em while I'm about it."

He got them all and seemed to be disappointed that there were not more of them. He pushed the iron into the fire, got a milkpan inverted on his knee, and, with the solder in his hand, waited for the right heat.

"That iron only cost a dollar, and it'll never wear out, and there is enough solder in this piece to do twenty-five dollars' worth of mending," he explained to his wife.

Pretty soon the iron was at the right heat, he judged. He rubbed the resin about the hole which was to be repaired, held the stick of solder over it and care-



fully applied the iron. It was an intensely interesting moment. His wife watched him with feverish interest. He said, speaking laboriously as he applied the iron, "The-only-thing-I-regret-about-it-is-that-I-didn't-think-of-getting-this-before-we-". Then ascended through that ceiling, and up into the very vault of heaven, the awfullest yell that woman ever heard, and the same instant the soldering iron flew over the stove, the pan went clattering across the floor and the bar of solder struck the wall with such force as to smash right through both the plaster and lath, and before her horrified gaze danced her husband in an ecstasy of agony, sobbing, screaming and holding on to his left leg as desperately as if was made of solid gold and studded with diamonds.

"Get the camphor, why don't you?" he yelled. "Send for the doctor. Oh-oh, I'm a dead man!" he shouted.

Just then his gaze rested on the soldering iron. In an instant he caught it up and hurled it through the window without the preliminary of raising the sash.

It was some time before the thoroughly frightened and confused woman learned that some of the molten solder had run through the hole in the pan and onto his leg, although she knew from the first that something of an unusual nature had occurred. She didn't send for the doctor. She made and applied the poultices herself—to save expenses. She said:

"We don't want the Astors lugging off all the money in the country, by gracions!"

"Come, Maria; don't you be too cunning," he sheepishly expostulated.

Getting Ready for a Journey.

Mr. Cobleigh was preparing to go away on the early train Monday morning. Being of a nervous temperament himself, and somewhat crowded for time, shirt buttons hugged close to the cloth and buttonholes appeared to be turned upside down. Just as he grasped his carpetbag and was about to start, a strange cat made a dash in through the door which Mrs. Cobleigh opened to see if the weather looked sufficiently threatening to make an umbrella necessary. The entrance of the cat was a great shock to both Mr. and Mrs. Cobleigh, as both despised cats. Mrs. Cobleigh screamed, "Scat!" but the animal misunderstood what she said, and instead

of crouching over her and running outdoors, it started into the sitting room. Mr. Cobleigh put after it at once.

The cat dodged under the lounge, and Mr. Cobleigh had to shove the lounge around before he could dislodge it. Out from there it put for the front bedroom, the door of which was conveniently open. Mr. Cobleigh hastened after. All this time he retained his hold on the carpetbag, and the spectacle of a man with a carpetbag chasing a cat must have been an inspiring one to even so commonplace a woman as Mrs. Cobleigh, had not that lady been too excited to notice it. She had instinctively secured a broom and had discreetly closed the outside door, and was now prepared to contribute materially to the exodus of the cat.

At the same time Mr. Cobleigh, with the carpetbag well in hand, was following the cat amid the diversities of the front bedroom furniture. And the carpetbag proved a valuable aid. When the animal went under the bed Mr. Cobleigh got down on his knees and shook the bag at her, and she departed for a chair. And then Mr. Cobleigh would throw the bag at the chair and the cat would fly under the bed again, leaving Mr. Cobleigh to pick up the bag himself, which he did. Then Mrs. Cobleigh got in with the broom, and both bag and broom were so effectual that the cat was only too glad to take refuge in the dining room, and would have bolted outdoors with a heart full of gratitude, without doubt, had there been any means, but seeing none, it departed into the kitchen.

The remark that Mr. Cobleigh made on seeing that the door was closed we will not record. It was intended particularly for Mrs. Cobleigh's edification, and would lose its bloom if given to the public. The celerity with which she got the door open was most commendable.



But the cat was under the kitchen stove, and Mr. Cobleigh rushed in there, the trusty bag still in hand, and his whole appearance denoting that he was about to take a journey.

The stove was much lower than the bed, and in getting down so he could see under it and present the bag to the attention of the cat two suspender buttons on his best pants gave way, and Mr. Cobleigh was forced to stand ignominiously by and hold up the garment, while Mrs. Cobleigh started the cat with the broom.

The repressed wrath of this performance found expression in the appearance of the cat and its flight to the dining room, and the exasperated man, darting in there in time to see the animal going through the door, impulsively shied the carpetbag after her.

The bag missed the cat, but struck the floor of the stoop with such force that, striking on one corner, it split apart, and Mr. Cobleigh was electrified beyond measure to see its contents shoot out into the street.

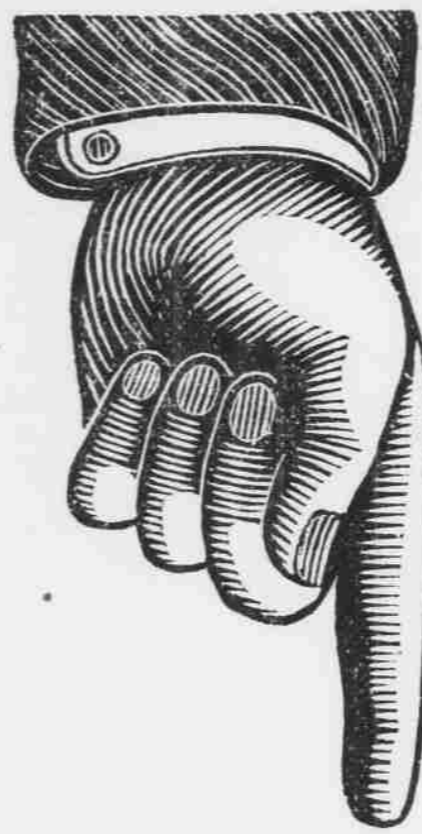
He then gave up all hopes of catching the train.

"Very" with a Verb. "Pleased," in the expression "very pleased," is nothing more than the past participle passive of "please" used as an adjective. "Very," so far as I am aware, is never used with any other part of a verb, and then only when that part has become adjective by usage. The following quotation from Pope's "Dunciad" shows its use as an adjective: Thou triumph'st, Victor of the high wrought day, And the pleas'd dame, soft smiling, lead'st away.

A similar use of the word is when we say a person's face has "a pleased expression." This being the case it is as correct to say "very pleased" as to say "very much pleased." Annandale's "Imperial Dictionary," subject "Very," has: "Among old writers very was frequently used alone to modify a past participle, and it is still to some extent so used; thus, Sir W. Jones has 'very concerned'; Gibbon, 'very unqualified'; Sydney Smith, 'very altered,' etc."

As there is no verb unqualified, unqualified can be nothing else but an adjective, and concerned and altered come under the same part of speech. When we say, "I am very pleased," there is no action implied, but there is simply a description of the state or condition in which one is at the time of speaking.—F. C. Birkbeck Terry in Notes and Queries.

A twelve-year-old Japanese boy sat on the floor in a dentist's office in Japan having before him a board in which were a number of holes into which pegs had been tightly driven. He was attempting to extract the pegs with his thumb and forefinger. As the strength of this natural pair of forceps develop by practice the pegs are driven in tighter. After a couple of years at peg pulling the young dentist graduates and is able to lift the most refractory molar in the same manner that he now lifts wooden pegs.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



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Administrator's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Moses Cash, deceased, I will sell on Saturday, the 4th day of March, 1893, all the personal property of the deceased, consisting of one horse, one two horse wagon, one mule, cow, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, etc. This February 11, 1893. feb16-tds W. T. ADAMS, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Moses Cash, deceased, late of Granville county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned signed on or before the 11th day of February, 1894, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 11th day of February, 1893. feb16-tds W. T. ADAMS, Administrator.

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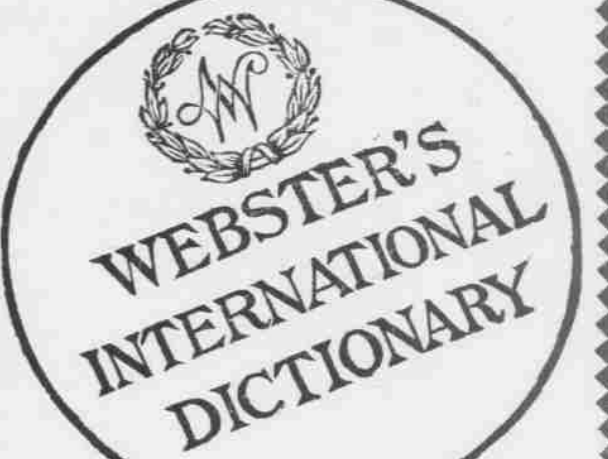
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Arrive Raleigh	4 30 p m	11 10 p m
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Leave Durham	5 37 p m	7 15 a m
Arrive Greensboro	7 45 p m	9 15 a m
Leave Winston Salem	6 04 p m	8 00 a m
Leave Greensboro	8 10 p m	9 30 a m
Arrive Salisbury	9 50 a m	11 04 a m
Arrive Statesville	11 10 p m	12 03 p m
Arrive Asheville	12 42 a m	5 42 a m
Arrive Hot Springs	9 55 p m	5 57 p m
Leave Salisbury	11 10 p m	11 14 a m
Arrive Charlotte	11 30 a m	1 40 p m
Arrive Spartanburg	1 56 a m	3 36 p m
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Arrive Atlanta	9 00 p m	11 00 p m
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Leave Hot Springs	7 25 p m	12 39 p m
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Dissolution Notice.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm name and style of Griffin & Glenn, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. W. G. Griffin retiring. The business in the future will be conducted by W. B. Glenn, who has purchased the business and assumed all liabilities of the firm. W. G. GRIFFIN, W. B. GLENN.

February 3, 1893. feb10-4t

Notice.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED IN TRUST EXECUTED to me November 10, 1890, and duly registered in Book 24, page 64, in the Register's office for Granville county, N. C., I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash, on the 16th day of March, 1893, the lot of land conveyed in said Deed in Trust, lying and situate on the Oxford & Clarksville Railroad, adjoining the estate lands of R. V. Minor and others. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, Trustee, feb10-4t