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CYCLONE SAM.

"Never heard tell of Cyclone Sam, I don't suppose?"
"Never," I responded; "does he live around here?"
"Ouster—but he's moved now."
"Where did he move to?"
"Knowing Sam so well, I hate to say it. But I'll tell you about it. You've seen Sam occasionally, along your way through this vale of tears, haven't you?"
"I have."
"Well, in addition to his other shining qualities, Sam was one of 'em. He came down to the Cow-boys Retreat one afternoon with an unusual machine strapped to his back."
"What you got there?" asked Billious Pete.
"This here's my cyclone tamer, boys. It's the biggest invention of this or any other country, if I may say it."
"What's it for?"
"It's for corrallin' cyclones—rounds 'em up and keeps 'em from destroyin' property. For instance, I see a cyclone coming for Paradise, out there on the prairie. I put this on my back, git on a horse and go out to meet it. Then, without any trouble at all, I just lead it around the town so it can't do no damage."
"Will it work?"
"Work! Why, no later than yesterday I conducted a middling smart blow right around my shack—yes sir; and all I want is a chance to prove that this cyclone tamer will work. I'm just going to lay around this town till I see a cyclone coming for it—then watch me!"
"For the next two months all Paradise was looking for cyclones—well, prayin' for 'em, so great was the interest every one took in Sam and his cyclone tamer; but I hope to dance in Tophet if the weather boss didn't shut up all the wind in Manitoby and let it trickle down on us in the sickliest kind of a zephyr for fourteen days."
"Cyclone Sam went around town with a face a yard long and allowed that everything was down on him. However, on the fifteenth day the sky got cloudy and foxtroding like, and Sam said the signs was hopeful. Then he went and got the tamer chained to his back, mounted his cayuse and waited."
"Along about 2 o'clock that afternoon a healthy cyclone materialized in the north-west and bore down on Paradise."
"Now watch me, fellers," yelled Sam; "here I go!" and with that he galloped out to meet it.
"Everybody turned out to watch Sam. Paradise had been wiped from the face of the prairie no less than five times by cyclones, and it wasn't no great trick to rebuild it, so we didn't care much about the town, but we was wrapped up in that cyclone tamer."
"Well, sir, Sam come up with that funnel-shaped cloud just as it begun to play ball with His Jenkins' big barn and half a dozen of his hay stacks. You'd a been astonished to see how that cyclone acted! It just dropped everything, there and then, and took after Sam."
"Sam started away, and I must say the tamer was a big success, for the cyclone jest made it a business to catch up with Sam, and Sam made it his business to keep ahead of the cyclone."
"Jest then it appeared to us that Sam had bit off more'n he could chew. You see, Sam could coax a cyclone away with him, but what was he going to do with it? That was a point he hadn't thought of, and we was all sorry for Sam as he lashed his horse into a dead run to keep out of the way of that funnel-shaped cloud. But he couldn't, and the last we saw of Cyclone Sam, he was riding his cayuse upside down and sailing over the coteaux to the westward."
"The cyclone tamer worked, and between you and me, I think a cyclone is as good a fool-killer as anything else. What do you think?"
—Detroit Free Press.

The Assessment and Collection of Taxes.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 27.—It will be admitted that no law of North Carolina affects so nearly so large a proportion of her people, as that which regulates the assessment, levy, and collection of taxes. While this is generally admitted, I am convinced that no law now on our statute books fails so far to accomplish the object for which it is intended, as that which we are accustomed to style "The Revenue Act" and "The Machinery Act."

I form and deliberate, state this opinion after an intimate acquaintance with these acts for the past fifteen years, and being perfectly sincere, it follows that I wish earnestly to do what I can to remedy the evil, which will be speedily removed if I convince my fellow citizens of the serious injury it yearly inflicts upon each and all of us.

The great difficulty is to procure for this subject that degree of careful consideration which its importance demands. As a matter of discussion it is generally considered dry and uninteresting; its details fail to attract the reading public, and therefore they are referred, at each successive session of our Legislature, to a committee who in a brief time, and while occupied by many other matters connected with their position as members of House or Senate, while receiving innumerable letters from constituents, each anxious to push forward some darling project, are expected to formulate an act on a subject of equal difficulty and importance.

No man can possibly accomplish good results under such disadvantageous circumstances, and the result is, as might be expected, that the same bad law is re-enacted year after year, and an injury inflicted upon our State, upon each county, upon every city or town, or village, and indeed upon every man, woman and child within our borders.

I write this note hoping with your kind assistance to bring this matter before the public, by inviting a free, fair and candid discussion through our State press. If it seems to commend itself to you, I will be glad to open the matter, in a short communication, setting forth some of the evils we now endure, with the hope that others more able than myself, will assist in suggesting remedies.

I would propose that once a fortnight, or once a month you should publish, always over the writer's signature, a brief article, not more than one column and use your influence to have them copied by other State papers. I would invite contributions from persons in each of our counties, and also from non-residents of our State. If we can succeed in attracting the attention of our good people, it will be a great point gained, and will be of inestimable assistance to the Finance Committee of our next Legislature. In short I conceive that the discussion may produce very beneficial results, and I know it can do no harm because nothing can possibly be suggested or imagined, worse than the laws which for many years have afflicted North Carolina.

Please write me whether you think the discussion can begin and be continued advantageously and whether the other leading papers of our State will help to extend its influence.—T. W. Patton in State Chronicle.

Evolution.

The Concord Standard is responsible for the following:
"In southern (cabarrus is a gold pit that was dug many years ago. The water was so strong and there being no visible sign of finding any great amount of the precious stuff, the shaft was abandoned. There it stands to this day just as it was then, and the water is as fresh and pure as the water in a crystal spring. Several years ago some boys were fishing in a creek near by, and caught several catfish that were too small to keep. They put them in this old gold pit. The fish seem to be well pleased with their new quarters, and have multiplied and replenished their new home. But the fresh water and the dark recesses in the pit, have had a peculiar effect on those fish. Their eyes are a deep red in color, and their bodies are assuming a white color. Some of the smaller fish have very fine scales forming on their body. After these fish have been there several more years, the student of fishology will have something to interest him, and the waters of the earth will have a new and strange tribe to inhabit their domain."

A Bright Idea.

The smart speeches of children are always off-hand, consequently, they are, as a rule, clever.
A little girl of this city likes to keep a box of candy for a long time, but as it is usually discovered by the other children, she fails to do so. The other day she went to her mother and said:
"Please give me a piece of camphor gum, mama."
"What do you want of it, Elsie?"
"To put in my candy to keep the mouths out of it," was the quick reply.—Detroit Free Press.

Dodged the Umpire.

A seedy looking individual knocked at the door of a house on Cass avenue, and when the girl opened it he said:
"Judging from your expression you mistake me for a tramp?"
"Yes," said the girl, "judging from your appearance I do."
"Well, you wrong me. I have had a wrestle with fate and been thrown, but I am no tramp."
"I'll let Towser decide," said the girl; "his lover makes a mistake."
But while Towser was getting up the cellar stairs, the "tramp" worked his way out of the neighborhood.

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How to Make Life Happy.

Take time; it is no use to foam or fret, or to do as the angry house-keeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, shakes and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened. The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures. Try to regard present vexations as you will regard them a month hence. Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get. It is not riches, it is not poverty, it is human nature that is the trouble. The world is like a mirror; laugh at it and it laughs back; frown at it and it frowns back. Angry thoughts clanker the mind and dispose it to the worst temper in the world—that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper that most men become criminals. Show your sense by saying much in a few words. Try to speak some kind word or do some kind deed each day of your life. You will be amply repaid. Set your work to song.

Human Instinct.

No powerful is human instinct, that some of its suggestions become embodied in social and household customs. The people know and feel that at the beginning of the spring season the system needs an "alterative" and a purifying tonic and stimulant. In all parts of the country it is the custom for the housewife to dose her brood with sassafras tea. Among the simple remedies that our ancestors employed, this decoction has continued to hold its own. The demand for a spring alterative and tonic, however, is filled more efficaciously by S. S. S., which is itself as simple as nature's remedial medicine should be. It purifies the blood, cleanses and strengthens the system, and prepares the human machine to stand the wear and tear of the summer months.

Some Old-Time Newspapers.

The oldest newspaper in the collection brought together in the exhibition at Cologne, of the early triumphs of the printing press, dates from 1529. It describes the entry of the Roman Emperor into Bologna, and tells how his Papal Holiness met his Imperial Majesty on that august occasion. The next oldest gives an account of the overflow of the Tiber in 1530. Other newspapers, coming down to 1614, tell of wars with the Turks, the attacking of cities and other remarkable events. There are fourteen of these sixteenth century newspapers, and all except two consist of four small quarto leaves. The latest was evidently a campaign extra, got up to add glory to the King of Spain. It has a formidable title, which runs thus: "True Newspaper, describing how the Mighty King of Spain has lately acquired in the East Indies an Incalculable Treasure worth many Hundreds of Millions, the like of which has never been heard of before." The precious boomerang was issued from the press of Peter von Brachel in Cologne.—Exchange.

The Beauty Standard.

The standard of female loveliness varies greatly in different countries and with individual tastes. Some prefer the plump and buxom type; some admire the slender and sylph-like, and some the tall and queenly maiden. But among all people of the Caucasian race, one point of beauty is always admired—a pure, clear and spotless complexion—whether the female be of the blonde, brunette, or hazel-eyed type. This first requisite of loveliness can be assured only by a pure state of the blood, active liver, good appetite and digestion, all of which are secured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is guaranteed to accomplish all that is claimed for it, or money refunded. If you would have a clear, rosy complexion, free from eruptions, moth patches, spots and blemishes, use the "Golden Medical Discovery."

All a Mistake.

Biggins—"I understand that you said you never saw such a freak as I am outside of a dime museum."
Higgins (indignantly)—"I never said anything of the kind. On the contrary, I said I never saw such a freak as you inside a dime museum."
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A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption, and he crumpled. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a one dollar bottle, that he was much better. He continued to use it, and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest Trouble, try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at the Drug Store of J. D. Morris.

Melange of Dots.

It is said that the best source of wealth is economy.
It is said that every life that is devoted to some good purpose is advancing heavenward.
It is said that nothing can constitute good breeding that has not good nature for its foundation.
It is said that the pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the greatest art in life is to have as many of them as possible.
It is said that true love is sweeter and higher than the brightest talents; and when its pure and elevated influence reaches the heart, they shine with fairer lustre than ever.
It is said that there is not a relation we sustain in life that does not compel us to depend on the faithfulness of another—as husband, wife, friend, agent—some one in whose honor, affection, chastity, and integrity, we must confide.
It is said that a man's best help is himself; his own heart, his own resolve, his own purpose. His personal work cannot be done by proxy. A man's mind may be aroused by another, but he must mould his own character. What if a man fail in one thing? Let him try again. He must quarry his own nature. Let him try hard and try again, for he does not know what he can do till he tries.
It is said that our Sundays should be like hills in a journey, mounting which now and then we get enlarged views and are lifted to a higher range, on which we catch the Divine sunrise, and whence we move on afresh, purer and braver for the kiss of the hem of the garment of God.
It is said that dangers and temptations not watched against, and therefore carelessly yielded to, must leave blotches and defects, to say no more, that long years of sorrow and effort may not wholly remove and cure. Opportunities suffered through lack of watchfulness to pass by unheeded and unused, are not likely to occur again.
It is said that king-becoming graces are justice, verity, temperance, stability, bounty, perseverance, mercy, lowliness, devotion, patience, courage, fortitude.
Methods I see the waste-basket looming in sight.
Therefore, I'll cease to meander,
And write my name thus:
PHILANDER.

Better Late than Never.

It is a common thing to hear middle-aged or even young men say that their early schooling was deficient in quality or quantity, or that they neglected the opportunities they did have, at the same time admitting that, had it not been thus, they would succeed better in life. Many people are daily wasting opportunities by which they could make up for these deficiencies, and even at a late period of life, secured the advantages and pleasures of an education.
If many of our young people would employ their leisure hours by systematically pursuing some course of reading or study, it will go very far towards securing a good education, and one that would be of value in any station in life.
Time is a precious gift. Use it wisely while young, and it will yield you a golden harvest when you become old.—Exchange.

Biggins and Higgins.

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