

AN OLD FAVORITE

THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN

By Shakespeare

THESE famous lines from act 2, scene 7, of "As You Like It" are spoken by Jacques, son of Sir Roland de Bois and brother of Orlando, the hero of the play. "As You Like It" was first printed seven years after the death of Shakespeare. Some of the incidents of the play are derived from a romance by Thomas Lodge printed in 1590.



All the world's a stage. And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances...

THE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY SYSTEM.

Baltimore Sun.

It has been announced in the news columns of The Sun that an agent of the general postoffice in Washington county, Maryland, arranging for "rural free delivery" of mail.

The revenues of the United States Postoffice Department fall several million dollars short of paying expenses, and the wisdom of putting the enormous cost of the free delivery system upon the taxpayers of the country, to be added to the cost of necessaries of life, may well be doubted.

First, mistaken ideas as to cleanliness are fruitful of mischief. The old rule that while the outside ear must be kept clean the inside ear will take care of itself is a good one.

The faithful but ignorant nurse should be instructed not to roll up corners of wash-rags and towels and force them into the opening.

Another great fault is the ignoring of the danger signal of earache in children. In former days, when less was known about the treatment of the ears and when there were no specialists, the administration of some pain-reliever, such as hot applications or laudanum water, and the ignoring of the reason behind the ache were more excusable than they would be to-day.

Now let me stop for another good, long breath. When I was a boy we didn't have but one doctor in the town, and he weighed 300 pounds and was never in a hurry.

Greenboro Record. The ticket nominated is, in the main, what was expected; that is to say, Hon. Walter Clark was nominated for chief justice, which was known weeks ago.

Freddie—When do you call a woman a grasswider, dad? Colwigger—When the grass isn't over her husband.

BILL ABP'S LETTER.

Atlanta Constitution.

I don't know whether I can write a letter to you from thinking about myself. For a month I have been playing "Billy in the low grounds," but I have a good doctor who has nursed me night and day and cheered me up and comforted me and I am on the up grade, though as the Georgia crackers say, "I am powerful weak."

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immune, but he wasn't. He took the fever right away and died. It is a curious coincidence that three doctors from our town went to Savannah to fight the fever and every one of them took it and died.

But I was ruminating about the suffering and agony that the advance in surgery and physic has saved mankind and I rejoice that Crawford Long has been given the first place in the Hall of Fame. I was at school in Athens when his discovery was made, but the magnitude of it was not realized until long after. I was one of the first to have a tooth extracted by the use of his lithetane.

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Paid Policy After 24 Years.

An unusual case of insurance refundment took place at Carbondale, Ill., recently, when a representative of an old insurance company presented a check to Philip Temple, a conductor on the Gale branch of the Illinois Central, amounting to \$674.73.

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Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

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Shot in the Month. CHARLOTTE, July 18.—A very peculiar shooting scrape took place just south of the city today between J. A. Price and J. C. Cathey. Price called Cathey into his room and the door was closed. Soon two pistol shots were heard, and friends rushing in, found Price shot in the chest and mouth.

Civilized Community. Stranger—You had a good many lynchings here in former days, I understand. Western Citizen—That's all passed, long ago. We are civilized now. Stranger—No more mob law, eh? Western Citizen—No, indeed. When a fellow butchers a family now, we quietly issue a warrant for him, arrest him if our police happen to stumble over him, put him into an extra comfortable cell, send him on a date and flowers, postpone the case until some of the witnesses die off, grant him new trials and so on until everybody has forgotten the crime and then we let him go.

The Republicans May Offer Lindsay Patterson for Chief Justice, Winston-Salem. It is given out here today that the Republicans will offer Mr. Lindsay Patterson, a prominent lawyer here, the nomination for Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. When questioned about the rumor today Mr. Patterson admitted that he had heard such a report but stated that he knew nothing official.

Immigration on the Increase. Charlotte Observer. Immigration to this country is on the increase. The total for the year was 494,808 as against 388,931 and 341,712 for the two fiscal years preceding.

A Tough World for Women. Little Flo—Ma, if I ever get married will I get a husband for me? Mother—Yes, dear. Little Flo—And if I don't get married will I be an old maid like Aunt Kate? Mother—Yes, Flo. Little Flo—(reflectively). It's a tough world for us women ain't it, Ma?

THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

GREENBORO, N. C., July 18.—The North Carolina Democratic State Convention met in the City Hall here at noon today, every county in the State being represented.

The following ticket was nominated: For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—Walter Clark, of Wake. For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (representing western section)—Platt D. Walker, of Mecklenburg. For Associate Justice (eastern section)—H. G. Connor, of Wilson.

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Judge Walter Clark, who is named for Chief Justice, served several terms on the Superior Court bench and is now serving his second term as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

This is the first time the Democratic State convention has ever met in any other town than Raleigh, the capital.

A Southern Boy's Complaint to Postmaster-General Payne.

Postmaster-General Payne has received a letter from a youthful swain in far off Mississippi who protests against the enforcement of that cruel section of the Postal Regulations which, abetted by parental objections, makes it impossible for him to correspond with his best girl. The letter follows:

Dear Sir: I have something I wish you would give me some information on. I wrote a call box No. 14 from a Postmaster's clerk, June, the 21st, and told him I wanted it for my girl, as her parents won't allow me to go with her and I want to write to her and I would address them to her in name box No. 14, and now Miss Pearl Neasom comes up and says she can't allow this, as it is against the Postal Law and I wish you would tell me if she is safe in telling me this. The girl is not of age, but it seems to me I could rent her a box and have the mail put in it. I would appreciate anything you would do for me in this matter and hoping you will answer in some way I will close, Respectfully,

There ought to be an approbative response all over North Carolina to the speech made by Capt. F. C. Robbins, of Davidson, when he took the chair, Thursday, to preside over the seventh congressional district convention at Monroe.

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Can't Wear Suspenders if Coat is Left On.

New York Sun.

A man wearing both suspenders and belt entered one of the most fashionable restaurants on Broadway on Wednesday evening with his coat thrown over his arm.

Death of the Colored Man Who Claimed a Fortune in Australia.

Charlotte Observer.

Dr. E. H. Dillard, the old negro man who created such a sensation here several months ago, died in Danville last week after a short illness.

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