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Hiram Goes to Purchase the Necessary "Props."

He and Lemuel Shemmer Exchange Reminiscences Concerning Past Performances in Which They Had More or Less Interest.

"Top o' the morning, Lemuel!" This from Hiram Jessup, of Jessup's Cut. "Same 'ow yew, Hiram," returned Lemuel Shemmer, owner and clerk of the one general merchandise store of the town.

"Say, Lem," says Hiram, "besides gettin' a few things here in thuh store, I druv over tew tell yuh I've rented out the op'ry house fer two nights the month after next week. Me and Obadiah Higgins hez been asweepin' thuh hay out uv it an' brushin' thuh cobwebs off'n thuh cheer. Thuh planer had a nest uv eggs in it right alongside a litter uv kittens. Kin yew beat that? That reminds me; got any good white paint? I want tew paint the perskinnum boxes in the op'ry house."

"Sorry, Hiram, but I ain't got a smack o' paint in thuh hull place. Cyrus Punkweed used thuh last on his henhouse. I kin give yuh a bushel uv good strong lime that oughter do it being quicker tew dry than paint."

"All right, Lem. I'll give yew tew tickets fer thuh show fer it. It's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' they're gonna play."

"Yew won't give me no seats if they're where they wuz when them pictures about 'He Loved Her All Right, but She Moved Away in Thuh Night' wuz put on thuh sheet, thuh drummin' sandstaple made such a small-fired racket it druv me nigh plumb crazy?"

"Thot wuz tew bad, Lem. Yew kin hev thuh best seats in thuh house this time. I want some good strong rope, too, Lem. These Uncle Toms are goin' tew give me two dollars extry if I cut a hole in thuh roof tew let Little Eva through when she goes tew Heaven on."

"Waal, I'm dern sorry, Hy. I ain't got any rope, fer Pike Logan took thuh last 10 feet. Howsomover, here's 50 feet uv good barbed wire that oughter do. Just tell Little Eva tew hang on between thuh points."

"Fine, Lem. Say, them Uncle Toms want me tew feed them six bloodhounds they got fer two dollars a day. What shall I feed 'em?"

"Yew take a fool's advice, Hiram Jessup, an' don't feed no animals! When that circus cum tew town 10 years ago, I got thuh contract tew feed thuh elephant, an' that bloomin' hawg uv an elephant at me outer house, home an' stable. I ain't been able tew reoperyroot thuh loss yit!"

"Guess I'll let them bloodhounds starve, then, Lem. Thanks. I'll send thuh tickets around. Hope we hev a full house."

"So do I, Hy. S'long."—Detroit Free Press.

End of Peonage in Ecuador.

Peonage has been abolished in Ecuador through a legislative decree, which also ends imprisonment for debt, according to information recently received from Consul General Frederic W. Goding of Guayaquil. Prior to this decree a peon was compelled by law to remain on an estate as long as he was indebted to the owner, who arranged that the peon was always owing more than he could pay, a condition that was practical slavery. The decree also forgave all debts owed by peons, thereby making their emancipation complete.

The members of this class may now work for whom they please, come and go at will, and enjoy equal rights with other citizens of this republic.

Gasoline Fumes Annoy London.

Residents of London have been complaining recently of the foul gases emanating from the poor quality of gasoline which motorists are compelled to use. It is said that the fumes aggravate lung troubles.

"One effect of the carbon monoxide in petrol fumes is to destroy the function of the red blood corpuscles," said a medical professor. "We would be better without the fumes, and the sooner we get good petrol the better it will be for our health. I do not think there is any real danger to health. The fumes are rapidly diluted with immense quantities of air. Before they could get from a vehicle in the road to the pavement they would be harmless."

Pro Rata.

In one of the regiments the rats had become such a pest that the officers took drastic measures to get rid of them. An offer was made that to any of the boys 12 hours' liberty would be given every time they brought in a dead rat.

One day a soldier came into headquarters with a demand for five days' liberty. "Five days' liberty? Where do you get that stuff?" they howled at him. He produced a paper sack which, on being opened, showed ten young rats which he had found in one nest.

The joke was on the officers; and the soldier got liberty.

Sneaking Into Camp.

A private who had overstayed his leave one night sneaked into camp and was just on the point of entering the barracks when the sentry turned at the end of his beat. The private, who was closely watching the guard, realizing that he would be detected, also turned and acted as though he was trying to sneak out of camp. "Get back there; no man out tonight!" shouted the guard. Needless to add the private lost no time in obeying the order.

RABBIT SWIMS AND FIGHTS?

San Francisco Park Policeman's Report Leaves Old Theory Completely High and Dry.

One by one the old theories are revised or upset. There is a widespread tradition, backed by generations of observation, that a rabbit can neither swim nor fight. But along comes Sergeant McGee of the San Francisco park police with a bombshell and when the noise and smoke has cleared away the germ of a new theory is left, even though a hitherto unknown fact has not been established.

According to McGee, quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle, a plain, everyday cottontail has suddenly appeared on the island in Stow lake and driven everything else away. Never before has a rabbit been seen on the island, which is separated from the mainland at its nearest point by fifty yards of water.

"Albert Chacquette, guardian of the lake and its waterfowl, was the first person to discover the presence of the rabbit on the island," said Sergeant McGee in his report. "From the mainland shore he saw it in furious combat with a big setting brant. The battle ended in the bird being driven into the water and swimming, with loud squawks of dismay and protest, to the mainland. Every breeding mudhen, goose and duck was similarly assailed and expelled, Chacquette says, leaving the rabbit in undisputed possession of the island."

"Chacquette," McGee's report continues, "has a theory that the rabbit's new-found pugacity may be due to its browsing too freely on the leaves of the Juniper bushes that grow thickly on the island. His idea is that the leaves fermented in the animal's stomach, creating gin, which, as anyone knows who has tried it, might make a rabbit feel brave enough to tackle a tiger's nose and give him courage to attempt the swimming of the Golden Gate."

Anyway, the rabbit's on the island and nobody has admitted helping him to get there. Also, the waterfowl that usually breed there at this time of year are gone. There may be no connection, but there's a mystery in it all that nobody seems to be able to explain.

Farmers' Exchanges Successful.

County farm bureaus in New Hampshire are conducting exchanges with excellent results. One hundred and twenty-five farmers attended a meeting to organize an exchange in Belknap county and in 15 minutes raised \$2,300 of the \$3,000 capital needed. The members of the Grafton county bureau will purchase 50 tons of limestone this spring through their exchange. Hillsboro farmers have pooled orders for fertilizers and have placed them with dealers. Merrimack county farmers in four weeks unloaded 5 cars of grain and 300 tons of lime. The February business of the exchange in Rockingham county amounted to \$8,800. Stratford county farmers have formed a co-operative grain company and purchased a mill. The capital stock is \$15,000 in shares at \$25 each. In all, 40 tons of fertilizers and 90 tons of limestone have been ordered.

Described in Detail.

I think my most embarrassing moment was when I was thirteen years old. My father telephoned that he had left a package for me at the hardware store two blocks away and that I should call for it, that he had described me to the manager and that I would have no trouble getting it.

I went to the store and a little old man came and looked at me over his glasses and said decidedly: "Well, you're the one for that package, all right, all right."

He was so decided that I became curious and asked: "How did you know me so well?"

He said: "Well, little lady, your dad left this package an' he says, 'She's a homely little kid with a snub nose,' so I knew you right off."

Every one in the store laughed but me.—Exchange.

Lax in Milk Inspection.

The United States department of agriculture has just recently completed an investigation of the milk supplies of the cities and towns of the United States. Of all of these only 265 report regular dairy and milk inspection. Inspection is generally least developed in cities of less than 100,000 and in cities of between 5,000 and 25,000 less than one-seventh report any dairy inspection, and in some of these the system is only partly developed.

The dairy division of the department has valuable information on the most effective systems of milk control for cities of all sizes. This information, and where necessary the personal assistance of federal experts, are available to boards of health and civic organizations for the solution of their local milk problems.

Lime Shown to Be Beneficial.

In France the government once classified soldiers according to their birthplace. It was found that those reared in regions where the soil was rich in lime were nearly an inch and a half taller than those from regions where the soils were poor in lime, and were also stronger and healthier.

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