

## WAGNER AND THE CABBIE.

A Bit of Comedy That Won a Good Tip From the Composer.

A story of Wagner known to very few is brought to the light by the *Vossische Zeitung*. When the composer was in a really merry mood, the right mood for story telling, he used to say that, being in Berlin on a very hot summer's day and finding himself in the Dunhofplatz, he summoned one of the first class droshkies that were still fairly numerous at that time and told the driver where to go. His destination was at the very farthest point of a district within which only the lowest fare could be demanded.

It struck Wagner immediately that his driver was taking a very affecting leave of one of his fellows, as though he were starting on a life or death journey. "Goodby, William," he said; "we shan't see each other again for a long time."

After the carriage had rattled on for a good while it came suddenly to a standstill. The driver got down from his box on the right hand side, opened the carriage door and banged it to again; then he went round to the left side and repeated the performance, climbed up on to his box and resumed the journey. At the end of the drive Wagner asked him what this dumb-crambo show meant. The driver, with

a big look, made answer: "I just wanted to bamboozle my old nag. He would never have believed that the whole drive was for a minimum fare and would have refused to go on. But by banging the doors I got him to imagine that one fare had got out and another got in."

Wagner laughed heartily over this explanation, and the driver, in spite of his greed, over which the composer made very merry in his letters, realized the handsome tip on which he had been speculating.—*London Standard*.

## GREECE HAD THE RECALL

Only In the Old Days the System Was Called "Ostracism."

In the palmy days of the Greek republics, many centuries ago, as historians tell us, when a man rose to such a height of power or influence that he became a possible menace to the state, the citizens took a vote on his case as an "undesirable." This was sent to the senate, and, if the vote was sufficiently large said representative, that body passed a resolution in which the too distinguished citizen was invited, in polite diplomatic terms, to take a few years of retirement abroad—in other words, he was officially exiled for the good of the state.

This was "ostracism," so called from the fact, it is explained, that the voting citizens wrote their names on oyster shells, and it was instituted as a measure of security to the commonwealth. Any citizen of great wealth or influence or who had a large personal following which might, in an emergency, be used to the detriment of the state was liable to receive this distinguished mark of public consideration. It was a kind of primitive "recall," which had the advantage of being equally applicable to "ins" and "outs."

Those early Greeks were wonderful fellows, who knew how to deal with knotty problems of their day, which doubtless included grafting and other human peculiarities not unknown in our own time. If an election did not suit them or if any man swelled too far above his fellows there was always the leveling oyster as a whole-some corrective in reserve.—*Christian Herald*.

## A Cheap Dress Shirt.

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## Pitfalls of Success.

"How's your son, the lawyer, getting on?"  
"Badly, poor fellow. He's in jail."  
"How's that?"  
"He was retained by a horse thief to defend him, and he made such a good plea that the judge held him as an accessory."—*Lippincott's*.

## Talking the Language.

"Our new bookkeeper can't seem to see a mistake when it's pointed out to him."  
"He's a ball fan. Don't allude to 'em as mistakes; allude to 'em as bone-head plays. He'll understand that all right."—*Pittsburgh Post*.

## Told of a Tailor.

A Viennese tailor was so fascinated by his own figure in a suit ordered by a court functionary that he could not make up his mind to part with the garment. He passed hours daily before the mirror admiring the elegant fit until his mind gave way to lunacy. He finally had to be consigned to an asylum, whether he was enticed, says a correspondent, on pretext of his being invited to attend a levee in his court dress.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

## Happy Relief.

"You seem happier."  
"Yes," responded the clerk in the department store. "I've been transferred from the silk counter to the grindstone department. And very few women out shopping insist on pawing over that stock."—*Washington Herald*.

## Call Money.

"I wish I had a lot of that 'call money.'"  
"What for?"  
"To pay my telephone bills with, stupid."—*Baltimore American*.

## Base Hit.

"You talk about men!" exclaimed the suffragette. "What has man ever done for woman?"  
"He invented the ballot box," came humbly from the rear of the hall.

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Harriett Wetherington.

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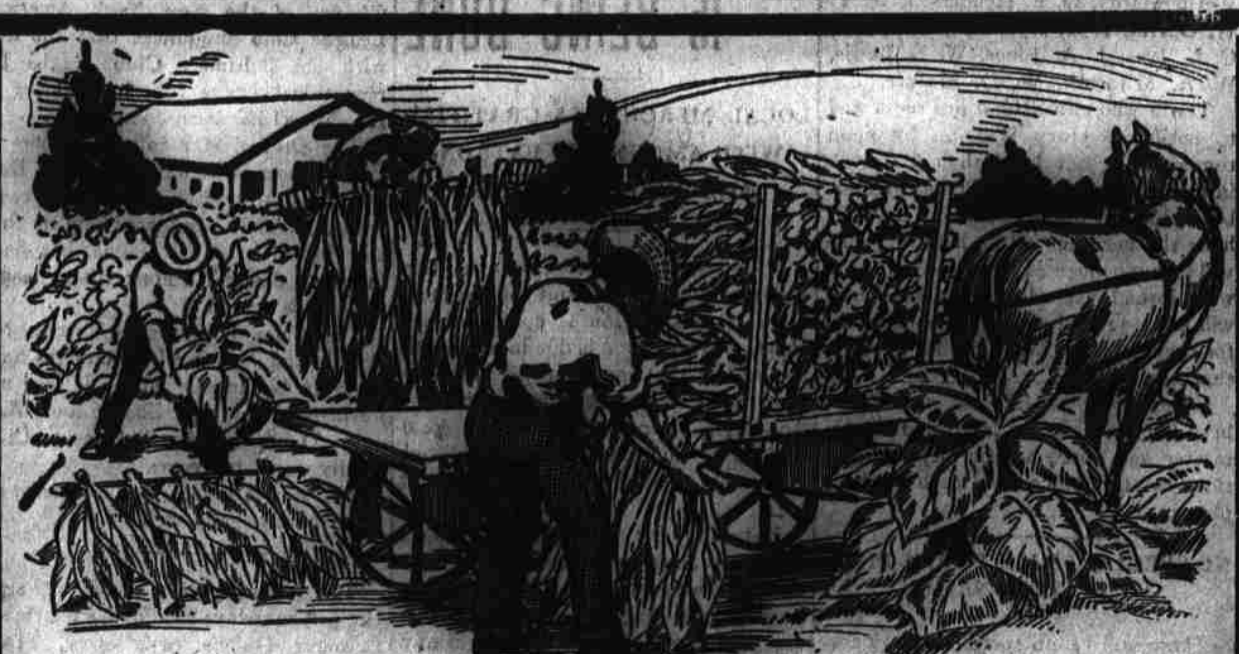
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