

FOOLING THE MAJOR.

OLD MAJOR BELLWEATHER AND HIS CUNNING NEPHEW.

The Young Man Made a "Horse Trade" But Did Not Get His Two Thousand Dollars.

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal.] Old Major Bellweather is one of the best-known characters living in the neighborhood of Orchard Grass, Ky. He owns an immense farm and is a man of so great an importance that all his foibles are not only excused, but are smiled at by the people of the community.

One morning while the Major was sitting on his porch a young man riding a magnificent horse drew rein at the gate. The Major's eyes brightened, not at the sight of the young man, but at the sight of the horse. The young man dismounted, and as he turned toward the house the Major advanced to meet him.

"Good mornin', suh! Good mornin'!" the Major exclaimed, with hearty cordiality. "Walk right up and have a seat."

"Thank you," the young man answered, stepping up on the porch. "Is this Major Bellweather?"

"Yes, suh."

"You do not know me, I presume," said the young man when he sat down.

"Well, never having seen you before I can't say that I do."

"The young man smiled. 'I am John Grapnell, your youngest sister's only son.'"

"You don't say so," the Major exclaimed, seizing the visitor and almost shaking him out of the chair.

"Yes, I do say so, uncle, and I have ridden all the way from North Carolina to see you. I arrived in the village yesterday evening, and would have called last night, but not knowing anything of your habits I was afraid that I might disturb you."

"You might have come right on here," said the old man, "for you ought to have known that I should be delighted to see you."

Some time in the afternoon the young man, mounted on a strange horse and uttering many wild thoughts, rode into the village. The next day, while the Major was sitting on the porch, a young man walked up.

"How are you, suh," said the Major. The young man, pressing his brow with a feverish hand, replied:

"Uncle, I want my horse."

"What horse?"

"Why the horse I left here yesterday?"

"You swapped him for the old bay?"

"Yes," said the young man, "but the old bay is blind and spavined."

"I can't help that, young fellow. Say, when you try to get an old man drunk, you'd better look out."

"Uncle, you told me that you hadn't drunk anything for twenty-seven years, and—"

"No, I didn't. I said that when I rolled a barrel of whisky in my cellar twenty-seven years ago it was time to call a halt. It was time, but I didn't halt."

"Uncle, are you going to let me have my horse?"

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The "Century" for May is notable for the number and variety of articles that concern national life and history.

"The Sufficiency of the New Amendments," R. A. Pryor; "Literary Criticism," Archdeacon F. W. Farrar; "The Coinage of Silver," Frederick A. Sawyer; "Bible Instruction," Rev. E. W. Bacon; "Jury Verdicts by Majority Vote," Signum Zetser; "The Naval Battles of the Future," Lieutenant B. A. Fiske; "Woman's Intuition," Grant Allen; "Government by Rum-sellers," Rev. Howard Crosby; "When the Farmer Will be Prospered," C. Wood Davis.

"St. Nicholas" for May (the Century Company) rich in illustrations and variety of matter. For youths there is published no better magazine. Some of the leading papers in the May number are: "The Passing of the Bacon," by Alice Maude Ewell; "Bar, Ball and Diamond," by Walter Camp; "Six years in the Wilds of Central Africa," by E. J. Glave; "A Submarine Rambler," by Charles Frederick Cheney; "Through the Back Ages," by Teresa C. Crofton; "The Corkwells," by Frances Courtney Baylor; "The Royal Walnut Moth," by Mrs. Julia B. Ballard; "The Bunnies' Thanksgiving Story," by John H. Jewett.

"The Popular Science Monthly" for May (D. Appleton & Co., New York), contains an admirable review of the life and work of the late Edward Youmans, the founder of the "Popular Science Monthly." Other valuable papers are by Herbert Spencer; "On Justice," by Dr. Hammond; "The Sunspots," by J. W. McKim; "Spiders and their Webs," by G. V. Schiaparelli; "The Planet Mercury," by the Bishop of Carlisle; "Darwinism," by Mrs. K. B. Claypole; "Recent Glacial Work in Europe," by P. A. Fernal; on the "Botanic Gardens at Kew."

Probably the finest pen-and-ink drawing that has been published in this country is "The Modern Engraver," by J. W. McKim. It is a portrait of the venerable poet Walt Whitman, and was made by Valerian Grabowdoff. The engraving is a recent number of the "Illustrated American." It is a portrait of the venerable poet Walt Whitman, and was made by Valerian Grabowdoff.

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For three years I was almost crippled with an awful sore leg from my knee down to my ankle; the skin was entirely gone, and the flesh was one mass of disease. Some physicians pronounced it incurable. It had diminished about one-third the size of the other, and I was in a desperate condition. After trying all kinds of remedies and spending hundreds of dollars, I was told that I had better give up. I was persuaded to try CUTICURA REMEDIES, and the result was as follows: After three days I noticed a decided change for the better, and at the end of two months I was completely cured. My flesh was purified, and the bone (which had been exposed for over a year) was covered with new growth, and to-day, and for nearly two years past, I have not had a relapse. I was cured in every respect, and not a sign of the disease to be seen.

Cuticura Resolvent, and CUTICURA SOAP have brought about a marvelous cure in the case of a skin disease on my little son eight years old, after all remedies and doctors failed.

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POPULAR BIBLE LECTURE BY REV. W. C. MERRILL AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 7:30. Text: "Moses and His Four Elders." Seats free; all welcome.

Enjoy a Quiet Day in the Country AT THE UNION SUNDAY-SCHOOL PICNIC, AT NATOMA GROVE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th. Leave depot at 8 A. M. Refreshments, 10c. Train leaves depot at 8 A. M. Watch this ad for basket route. My 3-1.

Baseball-California League! SUNDAY, May 4th. SACRAMENTO VS. OAKLAND. GAME CALLED AT 2 P. M. Admission, 50 cents. Ladies free.

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