

GARFIELD.

Garfield, our Nation's noblest son, Honored for noble deeds well done, A cruel foe hath laid thee low, And life, with faltering, sluggish flow, Would yield thee up, with fainting breath, To undeserved, untimely death!

A WOODEN WEDDING.

It lacked about two weeks of the fifth anniversary of their marriage. Smith and wife sat in their log cabin, located in one of the northwestern territories, looking steadily into the fire burning brightly upon the hearth and thinking, doubtless, of society and social events in the "States."

The Smiths were comfortably well to do, and as John knew of no reason to the contrary, it was then and there decided to celebrate the event in an appropriate manner. Cards were distributed by wholesale—every person of average respectability got an invitation, for the society ribbon is not closely drawn out in the very far West, and forthwith dealers in wooden-ware began to look up amazingly.

The same town which held the Smiths also furnished a domicile to two old cronies, Jim Morgan and Tom Gurney. The former was a general merchant, and during his last trip east had laid in a stock of some two hundred wooden bowls of assorted sizes, by far the larger number of which were as yet unsold.

About a week before the 24th, Tom, who was a young sprout of a mining engineer, entered the store of his chum, brimming over with fun and excitement. "I say, Jim," he began, "what'll you give if I'll sell those bowls for you?"

Tom was in earnest, however, and at length succeeded in impressing Jim with the fact. The latter promised to keep a close mouth and not peach, so the matter was settled.

That same evening Tom stowed the largest bowl (a perfect giant among bowls, something like three or four feet across the top) in the back room secure from observation, after which he "got out of the way."

Presently, after dark, in came a leading banker. "I understand you have some wooden bowls—I—ahem! want the very largest one you've got," he said.

The wooden-ware was selected and paid for with dispatch, the purchaser enjoining secrecy on the merchant. "You see," he remarked, "just a little fun—wooden wedding—and I don't want everybody to know beforehand what I intend to give."

Before ten o'clock there had been about twenty sales of a similar kind, each corner had been fully satisfied, each thought himself the only purchaser.

It sometimes happened that two or three persons would enter at about the same time. When such a contingency arose, all but one were certain, within a short time, to get up and saunter out, casting side glances at the nests of bowls stacked up in front of the counter at about the centre of the large store-room, as they made their exit.

The 24th came at last, and soon after dark Tom and Jim, rigged out in their best, the former wearing his bowl perched upon his head like a gigantic helmet, proceeded to the Smith mansion, at which, as it was their intention to do, they were the first to arrive. Of course they were welcomed cordially. Tom placed his offering in the centre of the room, and the two sat down to gossip with their host and hostess, and await coming events.

In the course of half an hour there was a knock at the door which, being opened, revealed the portly form of the leading banker, who bore his bowl before him shield-wise. He was accompanied by his wife, and appeared slightly crest-fallen at beholding a similar though larger object in advance of his own gift.

guests were thunderstruck—paralyzed—speechless, as one after another entered and beheld such an accretion of the turner's art. It was a study to see their faces when they caught the first glimpse of the pyramids, (there were two of them before the evening was half spent), as they peered in through the partly opened door to reconnoitre the situation before stepping upon the scene. Some hesitated about entering at all. Something like a dozen sent their presents rolling down the hill, and made proper excuses for not bringing some testimonial of their regard.

Everybody, upon entering, would first look at the bowls, and then glance savagely at Tom, who, meantime, sat, seemingly, sweetly unconscious of them all.

By ten o'clock all the guests had arrived—so had all the wooden bowls—one hundred and forty-six of them! The festivities then began. There was some restraint at first, but the wine and other good things soon set all tongues wagging, and the wooden wedding became an assured success. An interchange of views among those present soon developed the fact that Tom was responsible for the "unanimousness," as they expressed it, of the gifts.

Everybody eventually admitted that it was a jolly good sell, and a double one at that. Tom had sold the bowls and the people too. Thereafter, and that was his only cause for complaint, he was called "Old Bowls." If you ever come across him, ask him, and he will tell you he has stated nothing but the truth.

HE WOULDN'T STOP.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Times tells how at the battle of Spottsylvania a neighboring farmer, McCool, bachelor, with his two maiden sisters, went into the cellar, and there one of them, Miss Millie, sitting by the side of her sick sister, wrote the following note:

GRANT, GENERAL, SIR: I desire that you stop this nasty fighting. There is a sick lady in the house. MILDRED MCCOOL. "And would you believe it!" Miss Millie went to exclaim in chats with her neighbors many a year thereafter, "and would you really believe it!" the Yankee General wasn't gentleman enough to grant a lady's request.

One morning, two days afterwards, it was so quiet that the occupants of the cellar concluded that the storm had swept over, and Farmer McCool cautiously thrust his head up from below. A Union soldier who saw the head grabbed it and the old man ducked down, leaving his wig in possession of the laughing shapshooters.

SUM NATRAL HISTORY.

BED-BUGS.—I have never seen emybody yet but what despised bed-bugs. They are the meanest of all crawling, creeping, hopping or biting things. They dozent tackle a man bi dalite, but sneak in after dark, and chaw him while he iz fast asleep.

A musketeer will fight you in broad dalite, at short range, and give you a fair chance to knock in his sides—the flea iz a game bug, and will make a dash at you even in broadway—but the bed-bug is a garroter who waits till you strip, and picks out a mellow place to eat you.

If I was in the habit of swearing, I wouldn't hesitate to cuss a bed-bug right to his face. Bed-bugs are uncommon smart in a small way; one pair ov them will stock a hair mattress in 2 weeks with bugs enuff to last a small family a whole year.

It don't do emny good to pray when bed-bugs are in season; the only way to get rid ov them iz to bile up the whole bed in aquafortis, and then heave it away and buy a new one.

Bed-bugs, when they have grone, and they intend to, are about the size ov a blue jay's eye and have a brown complexion, and when they start out garrotting are az thin az a grease spot, but when they get thru garrotting they are swelled up like a blister.

It takes them 2 days to get the swelling out ov them. If bed-bugs have emny destiny to fill it must be their stummucks, but it seems to me that they must have been made by accident, just as slivers are, to stick into somebody.

If they waz got up for sum wise purpose they must have took the wrong road, for there kant be emny wisdom in chawing a man all nite long and raising a family besides to follow the same trade.

If there iz sum wisdom in all this, I hope the bed-bugs will chaw them folks who can see it, and leave me be, because I am one of the heretics.

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2 Dan. M. Loughlin, 104th Pa. (Wounded at Cedar Creek, Va.)
3 Any officer or member of Co. A, 27th Ill. Vols.
4 Any officer or private, Co. B, 39th Ill. Vols.
5 Any member of Co. D or K, 20th N. Y. Cav., or D or K, 35th N. Y. Inf'y.
6 Any officer or member of Co. A, 2d Mich. Cav.
7 Dr. Wm. Hornbrook, surgeon, 42d Ills.
8 Walter, Winnie, and Henry Holdridge, Co. K, 20th N. Y. Cav.
9 Capt. Enoch W. Blaisdell, or other officer of Co. D, 77th Ohio.
10 John Diehl and Andy McMillan, East Tenn., Chas. Wynne, 35th Ills., all of hospital No. 5, Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1863; also Surgeon W. G. Scott, who took charge of said hospital, May 27, 1863; also of the Kilbo brothers, of Peoria, Ill., cooks in No. 6, Bowling Green Hospital.
11 Victor A. Smith, Lieut. Co. K, 15th N. Y. H. A.
12 Thomas Green, during the war in a Wisconsin regiment; formerly lived in Vermont. If dead, time and place of death.
13 Surgeon N. A. Webber, formerly of Detroit, Mich.
14 Surgeon August Wilbar, and Surgeon William Watts, or any of the men of Co. D, 5th Ill. Cav.
15 Job Wilber, Co. A, 29th Mich., formerly of Unionville, Tuscola Co., Mich.
Remaining answers next week.

NO JAIL.

In the early settlement of Marietta, Ga., when a log cabin in the middle of a square answered for a court-house, no jail had ever been built. During a season of court a noisy, rude fellow kept disturbing the court, when Judge Hiram Warner ordered the sheriff to arrest him and put him in jail. The sheriff answered: "We have no jail." The judge replied: "Take him out to the fence and put his neck between two rails for three hours." The sheriff did as ordered, put the prisoner's neck between two fence-rails, and then got up and sat on the fence. After some time the judge inquired for the sheriff. He was told that he was out guarding the prisoner. The judge smiled, but never interfered, and the prisoner for three long hours remained yoked by fence-rails. —Sunday (N. Y.) Times.

Presumption is a ladder which will break the mounter's neck.

Sing a song sixpence, pocket full of money, Four and twenty little boys hunting after honey; The bees began to sting and the boys began to slug Dog-gone, the blasted, humble-bee, the dunder-headed thing!