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CLEAR GRIT.

About thirty years ago, said Judge P., I stepped into a book store in Cincinnati in search of some books that I wanted. While there a little ragged boy not over twelve years of age, came in and inquired for a geography.

"Plenty of them," was the salesman's reply. "How much do they cost?" "One dollar, my lad."

"I did not know they were so much." He turned to go out, and even opened the door, but closed it again, and came back.

"I have got sixty-one cents," said he; could you let me have a geography, and wait a little while for the rest of the money?"

How eagerly his little bright eyes looked for an answer, and how he seemed to shrink within his ragged clothes, when the man, not very kindly, told him he could not.

The disappointed little fellow looked up to me, with a very poor attempt to smile, and left the store. I followed him, and overtook him.

"And what now?" I asked. "Try another place, sir."

"Shall I go, too, and see how you succeed?" "O yes, if you like," said he, in surprise.

Four different stores I entered with him, and each time he was refused.

"Will you try again?" I asked. "Yes, sir; I shall try them all, or I should not know whether I could get one."

We entered the fifth store, and the little fellow walked up manfully, and told the gentleman just what he wanted, and how much he had.

"You want the book very much?" said the proprietor. "Yes very much."

"Why do you want it so very much?" "To study sir. I can't go to school; but I study when I can at home. All the boys have got one, and they will get ahead of me. Besides my father was a sailor, and I want to learn of the places where he used to go."

"Does he go to these places, now?" asked the proprietor. "He is dead," said the boy softly; then he added after awhile; "I am going to be a sailor, too."

"Are you though?" asked the gentleman raising his eyebrows curiously. "Yes, sir, if I live."

then came a most terrible storm, that would have sunk all on board had it not been for the captain. Every spar was laid low, the rudder was almost useless, and a great leak had shown itself, threatening to fill the ship. The crew were all strong, willing men, and the mates were practical seamen of the first class; but after pumping for one whole night, and the water still gaining upon them, they gave up in despair, and prepared to take to the boats, though they might have known no small boat could ride such a sea.

It was surprising to see these men bow before the strong will of their captain, and hurry back to the pumps. The captain then started below to examine the leak. As he passed me I asked if there was any hope. He looked at me, and then at the other passengers, who crowded up to hear the reply, and said, rebukingly:

"Yes, sir, there is hope as long as one inch of this deck remains above water; when I see none of it, then I shall abandon the vessel and not before; nor one of my crew, sir. Everything shall be done to save it, and if we fail, it will not be from inaction. Bear a hand, every one of you, at the pumps."

Twice during the day did we despair; but the captain's dauntless courage, perseverance, and powerful will, mastered every man on board, and we went to work again.

"I will land you safely at the dock in Liverpool, said he, 'if you will be men.' And he did land us safely; but the vessel sunk moored to the dock. The captain stood on the deck of the sinking vessel, receiving the thanks and blessings of the passengers, as they passed down the gang plank. As I passed he grasped my hand, and said:

"Judge P., do you recognize me?" I told him that I was not aware that I ever saw him until I stepped aboard his ship.

"Do you remember the boy in Cincinnati?" "Very well, sir; William Haverly."

"I am he," said he. "God bless you!" "And God bless noble Captain Haverly!"—Baptist Union.

A SACRIFICED COW. I can vouch for the truth of the story, as it was told to me by the gentleman who sold the cow, and whom I have known from boyhood.

He moved from Kennebec county, Maine, to Wisconsin, several years ago settling in a section at that time but sparsely populated. In time a friend of his came, with his family, and took up land in Minnesota, over two hundred miles distant.

The friend, while he went on to look up his claim, and put up a hut, left his family with his old townsman, and when he was finally ready to push on bag and baggage, he bought of his host a fine cow, which he knew he should want the first thing upon his arrival, as he had several young children. It was a new-milch cow, having a calf just old enough to wear. He might have found cows near his Minnesota location, but it was doubtful if he could have found one of so good a breed for milk, and more especially, one in full milk.

At the expiration of two weeks from the date of his friend's departure our Wisconsin farmer received a letter from him, written when within a day's journey of his destination—written because he had met on his way, and stopped with over night, a traveler going east.

"I have more than one almost wished that I had not bought old Snowflake," the writer said, speaking of the cow, "for she has given us an immense amount of trouble. She misses her calf, and I wish I had taken it as you proposed; but we are almost there, and I guess a good rest and good feed will soon quiet her."

Mr. Locke (he will pardon me for telling his name) received this letter on Saturday evening. That night his wife aroused him and informed him that "old Snowflake" was at the gate, crying to come in. He listened, and heard the lowing of a cow, and the answering cry of the calf in the barn.—Arising and lighting a lantern, he went out to the gate, where, sure enough, and to his great surprise, he found the cow which he had sold two weeks before, with a broken rope dangling from her neck.

And so the cow had come home to her calf—had come over two hundred miles by a tortuous way, crossing many streams, great and small, and must have come direct. An intelligent cow, most certainly.

A young widow was asked why she was going to get married so soon after the death of her husband. "Oh, la," said she, "I do it to prevent fretting myself to death on account of dear Tom."

His Valentine. Big English, the boot-black, is not what might be called a boy of beauty, but he is a good boy. His heart is located just right, and it beats just the right number of times per minute. As he yesterday stood in front of a window filled with valentines he was heard to muse:

"Two cents apiece, eh, and come at that. Well, I'm the boy who has four cents laid away for this occasion, and here goes to make two souls happy."

He entered the store and looked over a large number of valentines, and finally selected one for his mother.

It was printed in seven beautiful colors, and represented a woman holding four children in her arms and rocking three more in a cradle.

"That represents our happy family in the days gone by, before any of us were able to sell papers or black boots," explained the boy. "Mother and I don't always agree on certain points, and there are days when I don't feel like going home to dinner, but I can rise above partisan ship on such an occasion as this."

It took more time to select the next one. It was smaller and neater, and represented a sad faced girl sitting upon the sad sea shore.

"It is for your sister?" asked the dealer as he put it in an envelope. "I can't say as it is," replied the boy. "She's kind of a lame girl, you know—father failed—notice committed elopement—family sort of disgraced, but she's A 1, she is, and I'm kinder lending her my influence till his family comes up again."

"Case of love, I suppose?" said the dealer. "P'rudy near it," faltered the boot-black. "I kinder lang out around her house a good deal, and she kinder feels on the front steps and I kinder feel weak and shaky. 'Tain't nuttin' to be ashamed of, and I know it, but there comes little Pete, and I want you to tell him that I'm gittin' these valentines on speculation. He hain't got no wealth nor culture, and he'd be mean enough to lacerate my feelings afore a hull crowd."

That Stuffed Cat. The other day when a Detroit boy of fourteen bought a stuffed cat at auction the crowd derided him and had a great deal of fun at his expense. They didn't know that the boy had a heap of genius and a mountain of bright ideas, and he didn't tell him. Yesterday morning the lad opened out in a vacant lot on Cass avenue, having the help of several other geniuses. A clothes line was stretched from a peg driven at the sidewalk to a fence fifty or sixty feet away, and not over a foot from the ground. By means of straps around the body and two iron rings, with a stout fish line to pull on, the cat could be drawn along the rope like a fish and hauled through a hole in the fence. When things were in working order the stuffed feline was paraded at the stake, the boys got behind the fence, and the number of dogs which tried to give that cat a cold shaking up was almost beyond count. They strained every nerve to catch her as she was drawn along the rope, and as they followed her through the fence, believing they had a dead sure thing, two boys on either side of the hole let fall four stout clubs with military precision. Each dog seemed to realize the whole joke in a minute, and the way he started for home nearly killed the jokers.—Ez.

Enemies. Have you enemies? Go straight on, and mind them not. If they block up your path, walk around them, and do your duty regardless of their spite. A man who has no enemies is seldom good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked, that every one has a hand in it. A sterling character—one who thinks for himself, and speaks what he thinks—is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active. A celebrated character, who was surrounded with enemies, used to remark—"They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out of themselves." Let this be your feeling while endeavoring to live down the scandal of those who are bitter against you. If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellows talk; there will be a reaction if you perform but your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and acknowledge their error.—Alexander's Messenger.

"What do we call money?"—Tribune. Well, by several or more names. Some describe it as "spondulix," some as "the stuff," some as "the sugar," some as "rhino," some as "spoons," some as "the ready," others as "brads." The French call it "Vargent," the English "the needful," in Mexico, "cast-iron." In the South it is "rocks," in the East "tin," in the West "rags," in Canada it goes by the name of "spelter." Whereabouts it is "short."

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