

NEW UNCOMMERCIAL SAMPLES.

BY CHARLES DICKENS.

MR. BARLOW. A great reader of good fiction at an unusually early age, it seems to me as though I had been born under the superintendence of the estimable but terrible gentleman whose name stands at the head of my present reflections.

The instructive monomania, Mr. Barlow, will be remembered as the tutor of Master Harry Fandford and Master Tommy Merton. He knew everything, and didactically improved all sorts of occasions, from the consumption of a plate of cherries to the contemplation of a starlight night.

My personal indictment against Mr. Barlow is one of many counts. I will proceed to set forth a few of the injuries he has done me. In the first place, he never made, or took, a joke. This insensibility on Mr. Barlow's part not only cast its own gloom over my boyhood, but blighted even the sixpenny jest-books of the time.

The responsibility of Mr. Barlow with all other portions of my young life but himself, the adamant inadaptability of the man to my favorite fancies and amusements, is the thing for which I hate him most. What right had he to bore his way into my Arabian Nights? Yet he did. He was always hinting doubts of the veracity of Sindbad the Sailor.

He could have got hold of the Wonderful Lamp, I knew he would have trimmed it and lighted it, and delivered a lecture over it on the qualities of sperm oil, with a glance at the whale fisheries. He would soon have found out—on mechanical principles—the peg in the neck of the Enchanted Horse, and would have turned it the right way in so workmanlike a manner that the horse could never have got any height into the air, and the story couldn't have been.

He would have proved, by a map and compass, that there was no such kingdom as the delightful kingdom of Casgor, on the frontier of Tartary.

He would have caused that hypocritical young prig, Harry, to make an experiment—with the aid of a temporary building and a dummy—demonstrating that you couldn't let a choked Henneback down an eastern chimney with a cord, and leave him upright on the hearth to terrify the sultan's purveyor.

The golden sounds of the overture to the first metropolitan pantomim I remember, were allowed by Mr. Barlow to bring him to a tingling bang, bang, while weedle weedle, bang! recall the shilling air that passed across my frame and cooled my hot delight, as the thought occurred to me, "This would never do for Mr. Barlow!"

After the curtain drew up, dreadful doubts of Mr. Barlow's considering the costumes of the Nymphs or the Nebula as being sufficiently opaque obtruded themselves on my enjoyment. In the "Clown" I perceived two persons—one, a fascinating, monumental creature of heroic complexion, joyous in spirits though feeble in intellect, with flashes of brilliancy; the other a pupil for Mr. Barlow. I thought how Mr. Barlow would secretly rise early in the morning and butter the pavement for him, and when he had brought him down, would look severely out of his study-window and ask him how he enjoyed the fun.

I thought how Mr. Barlow would heat all the pokers in the house, and singe with them the whole collection, to bring him better acquainted with the properties of incandescent iron, on which he (Barlow) would fully expatiate. I pictured Mr. Barlow's instituting a comparison between the clown's conduct at his studies—drinking up the ink, licking his copy-book, and using his head for blotting-paper—and that of the already mentioned young prig of Prigs, Harry, sitting at the Barlowvian feat, sneakingly pretending to be in a rapture of useful knowledge.

Mr. Carlyle's own "Dead Sea Fruit" is mistaken for a joke, I systematically shun political entertainment on rollers. Similarly, I should entertain responsible ball and guarantee against the appearance of Mr. Barlow before committing myself to attendance at any assemblage of my fellow-creatures where a bottle of water and a note-book were conspicuous objects.

For in either of those associations I should expressly expect him. But such is the designing nature of the man that he steals in where no reasoning precaution or provision could expect him; as in the following case:—Adjoining the Cave of Ignorance is a country town. In this country town the Mississippi Monumies, nine in number, were announced to appear in the Town Hall, for the general delectation, this last Christmas week.

Mr. Barlow to be unconnected with the Mississippi, though holding Republican opinions, and deeming myself secure, I took a stall. My object was to hear and see the Mississippi Monumies in what the bills described as their "National Ballads, Plantation Breakdowns, Figger Part-songs, Choice Conundrums, Sparkling Repartees, etc."

I found the nine dressed alike, in the black coat and trousers, white waistcoat, very large shirt-front, very large shirt-collar, and very large white tie and wristbands, which constitute the dress of the mass of the African race, and which has been observed by travellers to prevail over vast numbers of degrees of latitude.

All the nine rolled their eyes exceedingly, and had very red lips. At the extremities of the curve they formed seated in their chairs were the performers, the "Famously and Bones." The centre Monumie, a black of melancholy aspect (who inspired me with a vague uneasiness for which I could not then account), performed on a Mississippi instrument closely resembling what was once called in this island a hurdy-gurdy. The Monumies on either side of him had each another instrument peculiar to the Father of Waters, which may be likened to a stringed weather-glass held upside down.

There was likewise a little fute and a violin. All went well for a while, and we had several sparkling repartees exchanged between the performers on the tambourine and bones, when the black of melancholy aspect, turning to the latter, and addressing him in a deep and improving voice as "Jones, sir," delivered certain grave remarks to him concerning the juveniles present, and the season of the year; whereon I perceived that I was in the presence of Mr. Barlow.

Another night—and this was in London—I attended the representation of a little comedy. As the characters were life-like (and consequently not improving), and as they went upon their several ways and designs without personally addressing themselves to me, I felt rather confident of coming through it without being regarded as Tommy; the more so, as we were clearly getting close to the end. But I deceived myself. All of a sudden, and apropos of nothing, everybody concerned came to a check, and his advance dam to the footlights in a general rally to take dead aim at me, and brought me down with a moral homily, in which I detected the dread hand of Barlow.

Nay, so intricate and subtle are the toils of this hunter, that on the very next night after that, I was again entrapped, where no vestige of a spring could have been apprehended by the timidest. It was a burlesque that I saw performed; an uncompromising burlesque, another night, and especially the latter, carried on at a very considerable rate indeed. Most prominent and active among the corps of performers was what I took to be (and so really gave me very fair opportunities of coming to a right conclusion) a young lady, of a pretty figure. She was dressed as a picturesque young gentleman, whose pantaloons had been cut off in their infancy, and she had very neat knees, and very neat satin boots, and dancing a slang song, and a figure approached the fatal lamp, and, bending over them, delivered in a thrilling voice a random Eulogium on, and exhortation to pursue, the Virtues. "Great Heaven!" was my exclamation. "Barlow!"

There is still another aspect in which Mr. Barlow perpetually insists upon my sustaining the character of Tommy, which is more unendurable yet, on account of its extreme aggressiveness. For my own part, I am a regular newspaper he will get up an abstract subject with infinite pains, will Barlow, utterly regardless of the price of midnight oil, and indeed of everything else, save orraming himself to the eyes.

But mark. When Mr. Barlow blows his information off he is not contented with having rammed it home and discharged it upon me, Tommy, his target, but he pretends that he was always in possession of it, and made nothing of it; that he imbibed it with his mother's milk—and that, this wretched Tommy, am most abjectly behindhand in not having done the same. I ask, why is Tommy to be always the foil of Mr. Barlow to this extent? What Mr. Barlow had not the slightest notion of himself, a weak age, it surely cannot be any very heavy backsliding in me not to have at my finger's end to-day I and yet Mr. Barlow systematically carries it over me with a high hand, and will tauntingly ask me in his articles whether it is possible that I am not aware that every schoolboy knows that the fourteenth turning on the left in the steppes of Russia will conduct to such-and-such a wandering tribe? With other disparaging questions of like nature. So, when Mr. Barlow addresses a letter to any journal as a volunteer correspondent (which I frequently find him doing), he will previously have gotten somebody to tell him some tremendous technicality, and will write in the coolest manner:—"Now, Sir, I may assume that every reader of your columns, possessing average information and intelligence, knows as well as I do that"—say that the draught from the touch-hole of a cannon of such-and-such a calibre bears such a proportion in the nicest fractions to the draught from the muzzle, or some equally familiar little fact. But whatever it is, he certifies that it always tends to the exaltation of Mr. Barlow, and the depression of his enforced and enlaid pupil.

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.—Abraham Markie, residing at No. 719 North Ninth street, was jammed between two cars yesterday at Conshohocken, and so badly injured that his recovery is thought doubtful. A meeting of Irish Republicans was held last evening at the hall Fifth and Locust streets, for the purpose of devising plans for the furtherance of the principles of the Republican party among the Irish voters of this city.

Domestic Affairs.—Gold closed yesterday at 134. The United States Supreme Court has adjourned until Monday. Menton Marble has become the sole proprietor of the New York World.

At a preliminary examination of Captain Green (colored), one of the Ogechee prisoners, at Savannah, yesterday, a charge was committed for trial on the charge of insurrection. Secretary Schofield has appointed John H. Broadhead, of Pennsylvania, Robert Flint, of Wisconsin, and William R. Henry, of Kentucky, to examine the report of the late General Sherman for money expended in the war for the Union.

The stockholders of the Columbus, Chicago, and Indiana Central Railroad yesterday refused to lease their road to the Atlantic and Great Western Company, and ratified a lease with the Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Companies.

In the United States yesterday, Mr. Morton, from the Committee on Representative Reform, reported Mr. Backus's amendment for the choice of Presidential electors directly from the people, and advocated its adoption. The military bill introduced by Mr. Wilson was passed, with amendments, and goes to the President for a commission to inquire whether legislation is necessary for the taking of the next census was adopted.

In the House Mr. Moorhead introduced a bill to provide against the presentation of a petition from property from petroleum. On motion of Mr. Culom, the President was requested to furnish any information he may have showing the desire of the people of Hurl and San Domingo to be annexed to the United States.

Foreign Affairs.—Madrid, Jan. 29.—The Provisional Government yesterday issued an address to the nation tending to restore calmness to the public mind. They declared that they had no intention of a rupture, but declare that they are closely watching it, and, if necessary, will combat it. All religious questions they leave to be finally disposed of by the Constituent Cortes soon to assemble.

Madrid, Jan. 29.—The Archbishop of Burgos has been arrested, and is now in the custody of the military. A proclamation has been issued granting general amnesty to the insurgents at Porto Rico.

London, Jan. 29.—An invitation has been extended to Beverly-Johnson to dine with the corporation authorities of Glasgow, in February, which invitation has been accepted.

London, Jan. 29.—Details of news from Rio Janeiro show that the success of the allied forces in Paraguay was most complete. All the Paraguayan forts are in their hands, and they have captured the artillery and baggage of Lopez's army, and the insurgents ceased to fight, and were a fugitive in the forests, surrounded by allied troops.

Madrid, Jan. 29.—It is reported that Bulgaria, Prime Minister, has resigned. The action of the King of Greece upon the terms submitted by the recent conference on the left in the steppes of Russia will conduct to such-and-such a wandering tribe? With other disparaging questions of like nature.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The House of Deputies has passed a bill confiscating the property of the King of Hanover. A proposition to indict the King for high treason was rejected.

Pairs, Jan. 29.—Prince Napoleon gave a reception to-day to the Burlingame Chinese Ambassador and suite. Evans, Jan. 29.—The Press advocates the military occupation of the island. The late disturbances have not been renewed, and the city is perfectly quiet.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.—The Acton Shakespeare's comedy of Twelfth Night will be performed all next week, and we hope that it may continue to be so successful that Mrs. Drew will give it for two or three weeks more. We can afford to wait an indefinite period for the production of Edmond Wells' comedy of Tame Kate.

The Walnut Bouffonville's drama of After Dark is attracting crowded houses every night. It will be continued indefinitely. A matinee to-day. The Theatre Comique the Gallon troupe will make their last appearance this evening in the comic opera of Ohing-shou h. A matinee to-day.

The American variety performances will be given this afternoon and evening. Captain Sente's and Mark Hasler's Orchestra will perform this afternoon at Musical Fund Hall.

Mr. Paul Du Chailly will deliver a lecture on Monday evening at Concert Hall, for the benefit of the Catholic School of the North Presbyterian Church, Sixth street, below Green. Mr. Du Chailly's subject is one upon which he is well conversant, and he will speak as well as himself. The title of his lecture is "Lion and Gorilla Hunting; or, Two Years in Equatorial Africa."

Mr. De Cordova will deliver three humorous lectures on Tuesday evening at the Musical Fund Hall. The first is "The Sprats at Saratoga," the second "The Well-Known," and the third "The Sprats at Saratoga." The lectures are well received, and he has attracted large audiences wherever he has lectured.

Marine Telegraph.—For additional Marine News see First Page. AUMAR FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY. SUN RISES—7:12 MOON RISES—8:43 SUN SETS—5:52 MOON SETS—4:15

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.—Steamship Brouette, 23 hours from New York, with passengers to Philadelphia, 23 hours from New York, with passengers to Philadelphia, 23 hours from New York, with passengers to Philadelphia.

MEMORANDA.—Ship Berke Park, Frits, for Philadelphia, entered at Liverpool 27th inst. Steamship Roman, Baker, for Philadelphia, cleared at Liverpool 27th inst.

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CITY ITEMS.

ART SALE.—A remarkably fine collection of paintings is now on exhibition at the Eastern Galleries of the Academy of Fine Arts, consisting largely of the importations of Messrs. Goulet & Co., and offered for sale on account of their successor, M. Knoedler, by Mr. Charles F. Haseltine.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GROCERIES, comprising all the delicacies known in the trade, is now offered for sale by Crispin & Maddock (late W. L. Maddock & Co.), No. 115 S. Third street, below Chestnut, dealers and importers in Fine Groceries.

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SKIN DISEASES.—What form of disease is more annoying than that of the skin, with its itching, stinging, smarting, its ugly red pimples, blotchy eruptions, and loathsome ichorous discharges.

JEWELRY.—Mr. William W. Cassidy, No. 12 South Second street, has the largest and most attractive assortment of fine jewelry and silverware in the city.

GRAVEY.—At the bride's residence, on Thursday, January 29, by the Rev. F. B. Hodge, Mr. JOHN P. GRAFF of Philadelphia, to Miss LIZZIE F. LONG, eldest daughter of Thomas Long, Esq., of Wilkesbarre Pa.

DEATH.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Thursday, January 29, at 10 o'clock, A. M., MISS LIZZIE F. LONG, eldest daughter of Thomas Long, Esq., of Wilkesbarre Pa.

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