"EGAD! FORSOOTH! AHEM!" BUT BROTHER FRED PUTMAN STUDIES SIR WALTER SCOTT

Cozy Corner Club Inhales Philosophy and Elizabethan English and Votes to Convene at Shields Grove for the Summer.

BY HARRY TUCKER.

"Gents," said President Charles Taylor, as he lit his 15-cent cigar, and opened the meeting of the Cozy Corner Club, "gents, the beautiful spring-like weather which has been bestowed upon us during the past few days, has set me thinking about our summer rendezvou. With the coming of the buttercups and the daisies, of which Brother Calder has so well spoken, it behooves us to arouse ourself and prepare for the summer season. What say'st thou?"

"Ay, thou speakest well," declared Brother Fred Putman.

"Dost think 'twere well we besought ourselves to discussion of this theme?"

"Ay, ay, forsooth," again declared Brother Fred.

"Do ye wot whereof ye speak?"

"Ay, egad," declared Fred, for the third time.

"You'd think," said Brother Joe West, "that Brother Fred is growing near-sighted by the way he talks about his eyes, methinks—gosh, I'm getting to talk that way myself."

"Thou shouldst think twice before thou speakest," replied Fred.

"How'd you get like that?" asked Walter Bowry.

"He's been to the sessions of the Board of Aldermen and heard Wave Melton make speeches," ventured Brother Ruskell.

"Ay, by mine buskin," continued Fred, ignoring the interruptions, "by mine buskin, 'twere foolhardy to venture upon so perilous a theme, when the weather-cock from yon tower presages foul weather ere the sun do arise."

The Brothers looked at one another and in amazement. There was no apparent indication of anything wrong with Brother Fred, but his language seemed out of place in a meeting of the Cozy Corner Club.

"Alas, as I feared," sighed President Taylor, "He wots not."

Further discussion disclosed the fact that Brother Fred had been taking correspondence lessons in English literature, and that his last lesson related to Sir Walter Scott.

"The man that stumbles most, will finally fall," said Fred, "for his persistency in stumbling reveals his tenacity of purpose, and his clothes may be tattered and torn, but he will get there just the same.

"I am glad we have a philosopher in our midst," the president declared, "and this itself proves that the vapors which may emanate from the brain of the jester may in time grow like the giant oak from the little acorn.

"'It taketh not the man with the boodle to make his mark, for I have seen many men without a cent make their mark,'" said Brother Fred.

"The man who makes the loudest speech at the banquet table gets no more to eat than he who sits still at the soup bowl and silently munches."

"The noise of the fire engine going down the street does not put out the fire. It is the steady hand of the man at the nozzle.

"The bloom of the daisy in springtime makes not the summer, but the snow of the mountaintop opens up the brooklet and causes the sparkling waters to cool the aching brow of the farmer as he rests from the labor at his plow.

"The sweat of the brow of the horny-handed workingman is not washed away by the soap and water from the hydrant, but he wipes it on the towel.

"The man who plays the piano by ear, dare not sing for the pleasure of the company."

"I move we go into executive session and permit Brother Fred to sit aloof and read his Kenilworth to his heart's desire," said Brother Tresnon, and it was so ordered.

"Now," continued Brother Tresnon after the members had changed seats and the doors closed to the curious eyes of the populace, "now, less talk about this summer rendezvou."

"This is a serious problem," declared Brother Joe Wallerstein. "We have received invites from the Natural Bridge, the Old White, Hot Springs, Chimborazo Park, Byrd Park, Riverside Drive, Chamberlayne Avenue, Taylor's Hill and Niagara Falls—"

"Niagara Falls?" asked Brother Graffam; "is that place still running?"

"Now," continued Brother Joe, "like Nat Goodwin used to say, I generally go to the springs in the fall and the falls in the spring, but on this occasion I shall abide by the sense of the meeting, and will prepare myself to go wherever it is your pleasure."

"Well, I tell you," the president said; "I once spent my summer at Chimborazo. The sights are beautiful there. You may sit upon the brow of the heights and bask in the delightful breezes which come up the Gillies Creek valley from the gas works, and you can see the river as it flows softly down by the chemical plant; or, again—"

"Never mind about all them frizzes," interrupted Brother Graffam; "less see what some other member has in view."

"I favor Shields' Grove," said Brother Speights. "I spent one summer there. There are plenty fruit trees full of apples—"

"Who said apples?" asked Brother Fred, arousing from his gilt-top bound volume of Kenilworth.

The members looked uneasily toward the president.

"Apples?" a voice said. "Apples? Methinks this club should know all about apples, for didst not yon George Cease supply this club with luscious fruit to its well-filling? Anon, he will again appear in our midst and proffer more such juicy morsels.

"If apples is the choice," continued the voice from behind the pages of Sir Walter Scott, "then we should accept the invite to visit yon apple plantation in Clarke County, where young Gilpin doth reside."

"The thing about this is," remarked Brother Spilman, "that the president got all the apples. He forebore munching them in the presence of this august body, but he stealthily concealed them behind his blouse, and as a toll for membership did collect one apple from each and every member hereof, is not true?"

"It is!" declared Brother Bowry.

"Bring forth the barrel, then," the president commanded.

"There is no barrel," announced Brother Spilman, "the apples are gone."

And so the club decided to accept the plan as proposed by Brother Speights, with the understanding that the club would send word to the Clay Ward delegation announcing its approaching visit, so that more barrels might be produced for the delectation of the members.

"This having been settled," said the president, "we will now open the doors and further discuss the proposal of locating the fire-alarm station in Monroe Park."

"I favor Monroe Park," said Humphrey Calder, "because it would prove a fine meeting-place for the club in the cold, winter afternoons, when the beautiful snow covers the hard, brown earth, and where we could sit and watch the crocus stick its head above the hilltops."

"Monroe Park suits me," declared Brother Frank Jones, "for Cassie Trafieri resides adjacent thereto, and that bird is a good companion, with his Sweitzer cheese and his home-made spaghetti."

"And there is admirable Lawrence Paul, whose weights and measures are widely known as being of the best." So spake Brother Spilman.

The club then voted on the question, which resulted in a tie, 42 being against the plan and 42 for it.

After much heated argument, the club agreed to go in a body with Brother Spilman out to the Laurel Reformatory farm, with the idea in mind of buying it for a permanent home for old, disabled and decrepit members of the club.

"It won't take us long to fill the place," suggested Brother Rose. "Therefore, I move we lock fully into the question."

The club then adjourned at 8:45 o'clock.

PLYMOUTH ROCK TO BE PERMANENTLY PATCHED

Cyrus E. Dallin, Sculptor, Engaged to Determine Best Method of Repairing.

[By Associated Press.]

PLYMOUTH, MASS., Feb. 5.—Plymouth Rock can be permanently patched in such manner as to restore virtually its original shape and to preserve it for posterity, in the opinion of Cyrus E. Dallin, of Arlington, the sculptor commissioned by the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission to determine the best method of rejoining the rock which is now in three pieces.

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[By Associated Press.]

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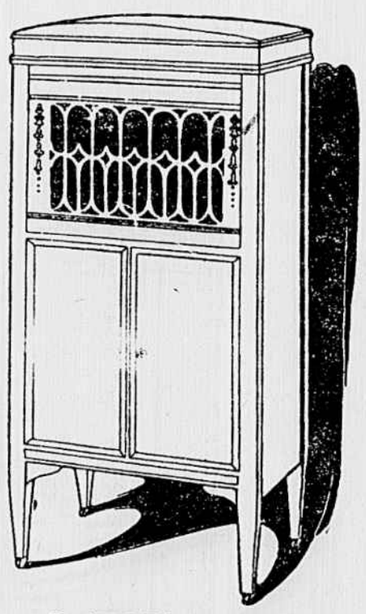

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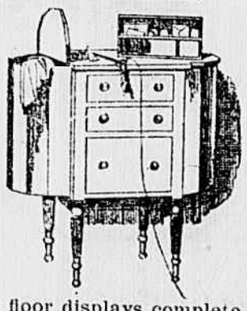

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