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WHAT SHALL IT BE? WATER OR WINE?

BY JULIA A. ARBOTE.

Which shall it be?—Water or Wine? Life is lying bright before you.

What need to choose? There's time enough. The world has at best few pleasures.

Oh, foolish ones! have you no thought For the hearts of mothers, broken.

Ye're none of these, and you choose wine. While pleasure your life is crowning.

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him that he was often let in after that hour by a back entrance, and would repair to the sitting-room prepared for the occasion.

Of course he apparently submitted to the Captain's stern mandate, and always promptly bade his beloved adieu and drove off at precisely nine p. m., but only to return again at a later hour to drive his horse, with the least noise possible in the barn, where he generally left him standing all harnessed.

Being cognizant of these facts, and by stratagem learning the night Dan intended to visit there next, he arranged a plot to offset the punishment he had undergone in the pear raid.

As it happened the Captain's servant after duly reporting affairs at the barn all right, upon that eventful night, sought the residence of an old acquaintance to enjoy a social, prolonged chat.

He had hardly entered the house the second time ere Somerby the victim of the pear gathering scrape—stole into the farmer's barn and lighting a pocket lantern, hastily began to detach Dan's horse from the chain, which act being accomplished, he harnessed him in again but with lead, leaving the harnesser.

Then by a sudden change in the buckles and straps, he so disarranged the whole gear that an hour spent in diligent toil by any one would hardly rearrange it as before.

He then hid himself in a nook of hay to await the time Dan would come for his team. A little after midnight he heard him stumbling through a side entrance, as the night was quite dark, and could hardly restrain a guffaw, as he heard him fumbling with the horse's tail, no doubt entertaining the idea that it was his name!

But Dan shortly expressed a sentence of surprise, followed up as the truth dawned upon him, by a long string of expressive oaths, in which the listener perceived he had the opinion that the hired man was the author of the outrage.

At last, after opening all the barn doors to get the outside light, and finding it useless to attempt getting out of the dilemma without lanterns, he returned to the house and made known his troubles to the fair Angelina, who had been waiting in anxious suspense for the sound of the carriage wheels bearing him safely away, unaware of the absence of the servant; and suspecting him guilty of the foul deed, he mentally resolved to punish him at some future day, and therefore concluded not to ask aid from him, but permitted his "intended," who kindly volunteered to visit the barn with him, and hold up one of her father's lanterns, while he disentangled his beast from her laughable predicament.

As soon as Somerby saw the Captain's daughter approaching with her lover, he made good his escape, and running to the back side of the house—sought one of the bed room windows, where the old man slept, below stairs—and energetically rapping thereon said:— "Neighbor Merrill, awake, awake!—There is some serious trouble among your cattle, and you had better seek your barn as quickly as possible."

the bon vivant young man did not recover for several years—till he met Susy Low, the heiress, whom he wooed with hindrance wed.

ENGLISH VERSUS AMERICAN RAILROADS.—Mr. Moses Y. Beach of the New York Sun, who is now in Europe, thinks American railroads do not compare very favorably with those of England. He says:

"We have stood still comparatively these twenty years in railroad affairs, and hence, from being first, are now in the second rank. The Englishman sticks to his compartment cars, but adds to the number of compartments in each car until, on the newest roads, the length of car fully equals the American. Then his system of rigid attachment of cars produce a steadiness of motion much to be preferred over our jerking rattletaps.

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GOD A COMFORT.—Do you know what comforting power there is in God? Have you never seen times when in your own affairs you would have given all you had if there was one perfectly wise man that you could go to and ascertain what was duty, what was the right way? Have you never seen those hours that hung as if ensphered globes, when the flickering life of a child seemed suspended, and you knew not whether it should live or die? Have you never had in those hours the thought, "Oh, if there were but one of infallible skill that I might go to, the whole earth, even if it were golden, should be his for my child's life certainly restored?" Have there never been hours of remorse; have you never had hours of disquiet and fears inwardly, as if each thought were a spear and each feeling a crown which you wore not on the head but the heart, and of thorns? And have you never felt, "Oh, were there but one teacher, of sympathy and depth and knowledge, that I might go to, who had the power to take me up out of my circumstances and bring me back to comfort and assurance?" Is there not some one here that has departed from the mother's house that to day thinks, "I would give the globe if I might but find my way back to the purity of childhood?" Is there no one to say to-day "Oh if I might work my life clean and white in honesty again? God knows that there is nothing to leave that I would not give to go back again?" Do you know the result of these fluctuations of earthly experience? Then you know the conditions in which God presents himself as the comforting God, where all the treasures of wisdom, of patience, of love, of grace, and of goodness in him are not hoarded, but yet kept in an unending supply that is poured out forever and forever inexhaustibly, and they that have gone wrong, done wrong, that all the children of want and sorrow in this world may find in Him a Redeemer, a comforting God.—Becher.

THE COLOR OF TROUT.—Put a living black burn trout into a white basin of water, and it becomes white in half an hour, of a light color. Keep the fish living in a white jar for some days, and it becomes absolutely white; but put it in a dark-colored or black vessel, and although on first being placed there the white-colored fish shows most conspicuously on the black ground, in a quarter of an hour it becomes as dark colored as the bottom of the jar, and consequently difficult to be seen.

Keep a careful account of your personal and family expenses. It will help the household economies, and better enable you to be both just and generous. Above all, keep a daily account with God, lest at the final reckoning you have nothing to cover an eternal loss; for what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

WHERE THE LAUGH CAME IN.—Mr. Bruce and Sizer's firms adjoined each other. Sizer had an unruly sheep, which was in the habit of getting into Bruce's field. Bruce expostulated with Sizer several times, and told him if he didn't keep his sheep at home, he would fix him so he wouldn't jump any more. But Bruce soon found the sheep back again; so he caught him, and with a knife severed the outside of skin just beyond the gambrel joint, and between the main cord and bone, then thrust the other hind leg through the aperture, and then put the sheep back over the fence, which went off hobbling on three legs.

Sizer soon after discovered the sad plight his sheep was in, and he knew very well who was the cause of it, but he concluded to take things coolly, and wait some suitable opportunity to revenge himself. Presently Bruce's old sow broke into Sizer's field, when he caught her, and with a sharp knife, cut her mouth from ear to ear, and turned her back into the field. When Bruce discovered this, he went to Sizer's in a great rage, and demanded of him what he did that for. Sizer said:

"Upon my word, Neighbor Bruce, I didn't do any such thing. Your old sow spit her mouth laughing at my sheep through the fence."

HOW TO RELIEVE CHOKED CATTLE.—I have fattened cattle on potatoes, and always feed them whole, and occasionally one gets choked. I then put the animal in a yard, where there are bars, which I let down so that she can jump over, but as high as she can jump. I then place her about two rods from the bars, with her head towards them, and with a good whip, well applied, I run her over the bars on the jump, and when she touches the ground on the opposite side, the potatoe will fly out of her mouth. I have informed my neighbors of this remedy, many of whom have tried it, and in no case have I known a failure.—Aaron Lee in Rural American.

SLANDEROUS.—A miserable old bachelor poked his head into our sanctum door the other day, and proposed the following:— "You are young ladies kissing each other like an emblem of Christianity?" "We told him we did not know. He answered:— "Because they are doing unto each other as they would that men should do unto them."

Out of gallantry we hurried our inkstand at his head, as it disappeared out of the door, for the outrageous libel. The impudent fellow.

A new Irish torpedo, while being experimented with by Fenian officers in New York Thursday, exploded, but caused no loss of life.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Two men were shot through the breast by an unknown person in Portland, Me., last week.

"Hanging by the neck until they are dead," is now the penalty in Mississippi for horse stealing.

The emigration from Georgia to Texas is immense.

A negro man named Thomas Brown was hung in Macon, for burglary.

The Chief of Police reports one hundred and eighty houses of prostitution, and fifteen gambling houses in Cincinnati.

Nineteen thousand five hundred and ten acres of public land was sold at Hmboft, Kansas, last month.

The editor of a California paper has been presented with a radish about the size of a five-gallon keg.

A man was recently kicked to death by his wife at Ellinburg, Pa.

Corn is selling in Alabama for five dollars per bushel.

Roxbury, Mass., has been annexed to Boston.

John Moran, who killed Mary Ellen Kearney most brutally at Roxbury, Massachusetts, last year, will be hung on the last Friday in January.

General McClellan is at a quiet bathing place in Switzerland.

Four hundred white emigrants left Fortress Monroe the other week for the North.

A band of Utah Indians have just surrendered to General Carson.

Dog fights are the refined enjoyment of two-legged brutes and puppies.

The Indians within the territory of the United States number 295,774.

The Indians on the Plains have taken three thousand white scalps this season.

The Mormon church is over 30 years old. It was organized with six members.

The French army will hereafter contain 1,250,000 of soldiers.

In New Haven County, Conn., 66 unhappy couples have been divorced since the 1st of last January.

A Western Bohemian repels the gift of a bottle of spruce beer on the ground that it is contrary to the rules of the profession to tell a dollar and a half for six and a fourth cents.

An English clergyman recently preached a sermon in what he said that the newspaper was a part of life's earnest self-culture.

A Buffalo paper has a remarkable story to the effect that a trout, measuring four feet and a half in length, three feet around the body, and weighing seventy pounds, was caught in the lake fifteen miles from Dunkirk, not long ago, by Messrs. Johnson & Brother, of Dunkirk. It is the largest trout ever caught in the lakes of which there is any record—or the largest fish story known since the days of Jonah and his whale; we are not at all certain which.

A Maine editor says that a pumpkin in that State, grew so large that eight men could stand around it. This is like the fellow who saw the flock of pigeons so few that he could shake a stick at them.

A lady's absence was apologized for at a party the other night, by a friend who said she was detained by an interesting little incident, "weighing just nine pounds and a half."

REMOVALS.—No less than 275 of flees out of 440 have been removed by Mr. Johnson in the recess of Congress for no other reason than their fidelity to the Republican party. This is the result of the "kick-out" process which Mr. Johnson threatened when at St. Louis. The people, however, have been so little inclined to follow Johnson for the horses and fishes, that he seems to have at last concluded that it is not advisable to continue removals for political reasons. Certainly the guideline has rested for several weeks. It may be waiting, however, to ascertain the action of the Senate upon the appointments already made.

VERMONT.—The grand list of 1866 shows gratifying results. It is an increase over 1865 of 5,228 in the number of polls; of \$533,613 in the value of real estate, an of \$2,171,641 in the amount of personal property—making the increase of property \$2,705,255, and of taxable men 5,228.

Miss Virginia Penny, a teacher in the Third Ward School, in Louisville, was tried last Tuesday on an indictment for an assault on Adam Haag, one of her pupils. The boy disobeyed the teacher's orders, and she whipped him; was impudent, afterward, and she whipped him again—excessively, the prosecution claimed. The court ruled that the teacher had the right to whip the boy; but that if the punishment was excessive, and maliciously inflicted, the verdict should be against her. The jury found her guilty, and she was sentenced to pay one cent fine.

ANECDOTE OF THE GREAT DUKE.—In the "Life of Lord Combermere" is this characteristic anecdote of the Duke of Wellington:

"One day the commander-in-chief and Sir Brent Spencer were riding out together, when Sir Brent took the opportunity of questioning Lord Wellington as to his plan of operation. The conversation ran nearly as follows:

Sir Brent Spencer: "We are about my lord, to engage in a very hazardous campaign, and no one can tell what may befall any of us. I am sure that I trust most sincerely that nothing will happen to your lordship. It would be a great misfortune to the army if it were to lose you; but still you might be killed, and I think it necessary that I should ask you what are your plans, in order that I may carry them out, in case I should unfortunately succeed to the command of the army."

Lord Wellington: "Plans! Ah! plans. I haven't got any plans, except that I mean to beat the French. If I can't do it in one way, I will in another."

Mr. Beecher has withdrawn from the Independent the right of further publishing his sermons, owing to that paper discontinuing their publication after the issuing of his Cleveland letter, and criticising his course pretty sharply. The Independent, however, proposes to ask no favors of Mr. Beecher, but to have its own reporter and publish them. The World has stopped printing Mr. Beecher's sermons.

ALWAYS BUY FAT MEAT.—The American Farmer says there is nearly twenty per cent less water in the carcass of a fat animal than in a lean one. Did you ever notice, as I have, how much more the lean of a poor beef will dry up in hanging, than the lean of a fat animal; and according to Prof. Voelker, a lean hog contains eighteen per cent more water than a fat one.

It is stated that the eight hour system, as enforced by the city authorities and foundries in Indianapolis, has created dissatisfaction, as the employees are paid by the hour, and they cannot earn enough to support their families.

A complete skeleton of a North American Mastodon has been unearthed at Cohoes, N. Y. Careful measurement shows that they belong to an animal that must have stood at least fifteen feet high and some twenty odd feet in length.

Practical Hints.—A coating of three parts lead and one part resin applied to farm tools of iron or steel will effectually prevent rust.

Common nails heated red hot and dropped into cold water will clinch and answer the same purpose of wrought nails.

A sharp corner of a common Indian arrow head or flint will cut glass quite effectually.

A good wagon jack may be made of two pieces of boards, two or more feet long. Place the board in front of the wheel, one end on the ground and the other just under one of the spokes, close up to the felly; then take hold of a spoke on the opposite side of the wheel and lift; at the same time place the second board under the axle-tree. In this way a loaded wagon may be lifted with ease.

Bumpy nails may be drawn from wood without difficulty, by first giving them a blow hard enough to start them a little.

A gun will not need cleaning for years if the muzzle is tightly corked, and a piece of rubber kept up on the tube under the hammer, while standing idle.

HOME LIES.—Several of our Vermont gentlemen are in the lecture field this winter. Among them we notice Prof. A. D. Hager of Proctorsville, State Geologist, who has a lecture on the "Extinct and recent animal races." Prof. Brainard Kellogg of Middlebury, Rev. Wm. H. Lord, and Hon. Chas. W. Willard of Montpelier, Moses E. Cheney, of Barnard, President Angell, Secretary Adams, Prof. Buckham, and Hon. David Hoole of this city, besides that pleasant poet J. S. D. Taylor, of St. Albans. As the St. Albans Messenger very well says: "Those towns which cannot afford to pay the big prices of 'celebrated' lecturers may perhaps be as well served at less cost by looking for lecturers nearer home."

Darlington Times.

A woman in Winona, Wisconsin, who had not heard from her husband for ten years, recently got a divorce on the ground of desertion. On the same day that this was accomplished, the husband made his appearance, and they were re-married in the evening. The mystery of the man's long absence is not explained.