Hartford Weekly Herald.

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THE LADDER.

We have not wings, we cannot soar;
But we have feet to scale and climb
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time.
—Tennyson.

DR. DORRITT'S FATE.

Judge Garnett's family errand boy, Fonny, came to the parlor door, saying: "Miss Alice, if you don't want me for anything Mrs. Garnett says I may go and see Dr. Dorritt. You need me?"

"No; you can go; but don't bring Dr. Dorritt back with you, no matter how badly he wants to come."

"Dr. Dorritt is a pig," she explained to her guests—"a pet pig, the property, or rather the friend, of Fonny. The boy dotes on him, and the pig returns the doting with interest. You should see him follow Fonny about like a dog when we are at home. He can do several smart little tricks, too; but he will obey nobody but Fonny. He was named in honor of a stubby little doctor in a picture book. Fonny traced a resemblance to this gentleman in the pig's face and figure, and christened him accordingly. He is certainly the most unattractive of his race; but is perfect in Fonny's eyes. Intellectually, he ranks high for a pig. Before we came to this place Fonny wept for days because he was told that he could not bring Dr. Dorritt. Father relented at last, and said the pig might come if Fonny would find a home for him in the country. Accordingly Dr. Dorritt boards at the 'Widdy McGeary's,' a mile or more directly west."

Fonny went away light of heart, "whistling a foolish tune," and thinking of the joys in store for him. It would be no exaggeration to say that Dr. Dorritt was his bosom friend. No other creature looked up to him as to a superior being. Dr. Dorritt did. And where is the human being, male or female, on whom this does not have its effect? It is something to be worshiped even by a pig.

Dr. Dorritt was one of the chief figures in the boy's mental kingdom today. It pleased Fonny to assume that the doctor ably sustained his title. When he felt like sitting at the feet of wisdom he propounded the deepest and most unanswerable questions to him, and the doctor always threw light upon them.

"Dr. Dorritt has deepness in him," the boy would say, when others ventured to doubt the pig's mental ability. When together Fonny and the doctor spent much time in this kind of dialogue.

"Dr. Dorritt, what do you think of the expostulation of science as elevated by the discumbency of prehensile astronomy and disgorged by the integrity and totality of the horological universe?"

Although this was a question which no man could either understand or answer, the learned doctor cleared it right up. His small eyes would almost close and his nostrils go upward in snorts of disdain at the ignorance which was unable to cope with so simple a problem. His opinion then came forth in a succession of decisive grunts. These Fonny translated as a most lucid explanation of the question, whatever it was. Indeed, if the boy's opinion of the pig's wisdom was correct, he was able to throw light on the darkest problems which affect the race of men. He was equally learned in law, logic, theology, philosophy and all the physical sciences; but in law he was absolutely without a peer.

Fonny's interrogatories were generally made up from the big words he heard in Judge Garnett's home or office and in church, thrown together without regard to coherence or relevancy. As in the case of all who assume learned attitudes, this trifling obscurity of style was no drawback to the doctor in expounding his views thereon.

Sometimes a question would take this form: "What's your opinion of a philosopher who rode a cucumber to the horse fair and came home without his supper?"

The grunts which followed this query would be echoed by Fonny in this form: "A fool! a fool! a fool! I quite agree with you, doctor."

Fonny was an unconscious satirist. The doctor and his wisdom satirized the human family terribly; but the boy took a curious pleasure in pretending that both questions and answers were correct and serious. He always came away from a long talk with the pig greatly stimulated in mind and fairly badging with learning.

The doctor was also his oracle on the small affairs of every day life. "Will it come out so and so, or will it happen thus?" he would ask of his four footed friend, and the reply was always to his entire satisfaction. In fact it could not be otherwise when he acted as interpreter. In this way all the boy's perpicacities were made plain. And who shall say that his oracle was less wise than that of many presumably learned men, who go sometimes for guidance in temporal affairs to advisers of as questionable ability as Dr. Dorritt?

When Fonny was deprived of the comforting society of his pet and mentor, and needed counsel, he called him up in imagination and propounded his questions with much the same result. Have we not been told a thousand times that beauty is in the eye of the beholder? That we see in others what we have within ourselves? Truly the imagination has power to make its own world. It can even endow an animal of the grossest tastes and coarsest instincts with the attributes of a superior being. Fonny was not the first of his race to idealize a pig, nor will he be the last.

Today he had many things to lay before his wise friend. So as he sauntered along and imagined himself accompanied by the doctor, and they exchanged opinions very freely. Mark you, when he was with the doctor, either in fancy or reality, he was no longer the humble serving boy, ready to fetch and carry and run at the call of another. A grave and reverend seignior, a Roman statesman, or mighty monarch was he; and the pig, though so learned and infallible, was somewhat beneath him in rank.

This assumption of greatness made him extremely happy and in no way displeased the pig. Is it remarkable that a strong friendship existed between them? Each had his self respect fostered by the deferential attitude of the other. Each felt that the other saw him as he really was, and not as the dull and commonplace beings about them saw him. Each for the time believed himself the great personage he assumed to be.

Are not most friendships built on a similar foundation? We seek the society of persons who keep us in love with ourselves. We like those who see the good, not the evil in us. The friend who tells us of our faults may have the welfare of our immortal souls at heart; but for the life of us we cannot love him as we love the friend who never chides.

Therefore, the affection of the meanest animal has in it a quality soothing and restful to the human spirit. The dumb creature bears with our tempers and caprices and never avenges himself by telling us the plain truth about ourselves. He may know our character to be bleak and barren as the shores of the Polar sea, but he never "throws it up to us," consequently never loses his power to flatter by expressing admiration.

As Fonny drew near the McGeary cottage he kept a sharp lookout for Dr. Dorritt, who was sure to come running to meet him. The widow was waddling about in the yard hanging out clothes; but the doctor was not in sight. The boy was lifting the gate latch when Mrs. McGeary laid eyes on him.

"And it's there ye are Fonny," she called out cordially, "and it's meself that's glad to see ye. Come into the house and sit down in the big rockin' chair. It used to be Jamie's, and it's fond enough of settin' in it he was, too, the poor man; and it's dead and gone he's been these four years, and me two childer after him."

"Where's Dr. Dorritt, Mrs. McGeary?" asked Fonny.

"Over in the grove has he went this mornin', and in the shade has he kept all day. Niver a hoof of him home to his dinner, though I've kept his trough full since 12 o'clock. There's a pinkie there. The Republicans from West Branch are havin' it, and they have pollyticians and candydates and all other kinds of mates and good things, and plenty to drink, I'll be bound. And speeches, illigant speeches, with many a fine, long word into them, and loud enough for me to hear at me tub in the back yard. It's what they call a barbecue. Tables loaded with everything, and that's the secret of the doctor's stayin' so long. Trust him for gettin' the best that's goin'. There'll not be a Republican there fuller than himself, if you plaze."

"I'll go over into the grove and find him," said Fonny, whose curiosity in regard to the "pollyticians and candydates" had been whetted by the exuberance of Mrs. McGeary's rhetoric.

Away he went, calling to Dr. Dorritt cheerily; but no affectionate grunt responded. As he entered the grove the odor of savory cooking saluted his nostrils. The speeches were over and dinner was near at hand.

Moving along slowly, feeling that he was entering important circles, Fonny's foot struck something metallic. On looking down he discovered Dr. Dorritt's collar, a light brass chain with three or four jingling pendants. He picked it up, wondering how his friend had managed to lose it. He looked everywhere, but saw nothing of the pig. Politicians—at least men whom he took to be politicians on account of the loudness of their voices—were numerous. Matrons and maidens in ribbons and fine rigging were there also; but his beloved four footed friend was nowhere to be seen.

The savory odors came from some distance west of the long tables, and thither Fonny went. The people were standing about some object of interest so numerously that he could scarcely edge his way through. Being a boy, however, he was not to be dismayed by anything in the nature of a crowd, and at last stood in the inner circle. A deep trench in the earth was half full of bright coals, over which, reduced to the condition of dressed meat, hung the forms of a cow, a calf, two sheep and two pigs, all roasted to the most appetizing brown. They were hung on poles, and had been turned until every part of them was thoroughly cooked. This was the "barbecue," which Fonny had been so anxious to see.

The delicious odor of the steaming bodies filled the air of the entire grove. Fonny looked at them with eyes like ramers. Such an array of cooked flesh would be an unusual spectacle to any one. It was startling to him. Glancing down the row of crisp bodies, his eyes rested a moment on the two pigs and then suddenly protruded in horror. Thrown over the dreadful hod of coals was the form of his pet—his friend. Scorched and blistered as it was, he was yet easily recognized it. The head was still attached, and the left ear had fallen a curious shapely piece in the doctor's early struggles with dogs. A scar high up on the nose was another mark of identification.

Fonny looked at the terrible sight for a minute or more in agonizing silence. Then pointing to the hot and smoking form of his pig, he gave forth a shriek after shriek of anguish.

"There! there! That is my pet pig—the only pet I have in the world. Who killed him? Nobody had a right to kill him. Oh, I shall die! I shall die! My poor Dr. Dorritt!"

This thrilling interruption to the festivities created immediate consternation. The unmistakable anguish in the boy's voice, the unspeakable woe depicted on his face, had an effect on even the hardened consciences of the politicians.

Fonny still held the poor slaughtered doctor's collar in his hand. Between sobs and groans he told that the pig had lived at Mrs. McGeary's, pulling out the lame as he spoke, and had wandered into the grove merely to look around, that he and he alone owned him, that he would have died himself rather than had the pig sacrificed. The blundering butchers who had done the foul deed were called upon and questioned. They admitted that they had taken a collar off the neck of one of the pigs they had prepared for the roast. They identified the collar and the pig but although they shared in the general regret, they could not restore the life they had taken.

Some of the younger members of the picnic flew to Mrs. McGeary's and told of the tragedy. Over came that lady, bolting with wrath, and threatening to "put the law on them." She was gifted with great force and fluency of speech, and on this occasion she did not let her tongue lie in the least. The "piece of her mind" to which she treated the politicians was particularly strong, definite and well laid on.

The feminine portion of the picnic gathered about Fonny and tried to console him. Some of them offered to send him a small pig of promising mental capacity, which he could lead to greater intellectual heights than those attained by the late lamented Dr. Dorritt; but he would not be comforted. The men assumed that money heals all wounds, and quickly made him up a purse; at sight of it he only wailed the louder. This was a case of bereavement and heart break, not property.

Mrs. McGeary swept the money into her apron, saying she would keep it in trust for him until his sorrow abated. Then together they sought her cottage. Safe within its humble walls both fell down to the luxury of copious tears. The widow had an affection for the pig too, and the sight of the boy's sorrow reached her honest heart. She prepared a cup of "tay," her solace for every woe, and urged Fonny to drink it. But the boy was sick in body and soul, and merely tested it. Then the widow darkened her little bedroom and laid him in its depths, and there, after hours of tearful misery, he fell asleep.—Adapted from Gertrude Garrison's "The Wrong Man," in Belford's Magazine.

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