

**The Difficulty of Getting a Good Likeness.**

Her 'young man' went west some months ago, and, as he diligently engaged in growing up with the country. To exhibit his progress, in his last letter he sent her his picture. She supposed she was in duty bound to return to him one of herself, so she persuaded her dad to bring her in yesterday, and have 'the likeness struck off.' They went to Atlanta's best gallery on Whitehall street, and the old man, who had taken several drinks of enthusiasm in the cause remarked to the artist:

"Look 'ere, Mr. Picturesquer, I have brought our Julie up hyar to have her fac' similar tuk for her bo' what's out in Texas. The old 'ooman's primped her up fitten to give a young colt the blind staggers. She's my brag gal, you bet her 'ocups on it! We want her to have a big th' pictur of her made that'll cost nine cents to kerry it, or we don't want none at all!"

"All right, my dear air, please have seats, remarked the polite photographer. While the artist prepared for the work Julie redressed her crimps and worked her face into gorgeous smile.

"All ready! Let us seat you here, said the artist. "All aboard; plum right down in that thar parlor cheer in front o' that thar little hat rack, an' yer mind don't blink onct! ordered the old man. "Thar! That's right! No, face a little to the right—look right here! Still now!"

The cloth was removed, and just then Julie thought 'how all-fired sweet she'd look in a pictur,' and, despite herself the corners of her mouth tried to climb up to her cheek bones. The artist turned and closed the camera, and entered his closet, but soon returned without any picture.

"Whar's the pictur—gimme a squint! Lor' Julie, I wish your granny war alive to see one of your bictur grafts!" The picture is spoiled, I regret to say. The young lady smiled at the wrong moment, the artist explained.

"Thar now, Julie, d'ye hear that jist flop yer'set down thar agin, will yer! Try her agin mister—take another view, I'm bound to hev that pictur or bust sumthin'!" "I could not help it Pap; it felt so funny it did," Julie simpered.

"Felt funny, eh? Well you won't feel so funny, I reckon, ef I take that spoiled pictur and post it to your feller, with yer mouth rannin' round yer face like a ripped seam in a sack o' corn, hey?" Julie plumped right down in the chair at the artist's request, but she looked mad.

"Brighten up thar, gal, or I'll jerk ye down right hyar, and untie that tie-back in less than no time; an' then I'll send that pictur to Rube, by gum, an' let 'im see how he like your looks, with your hungry mouth reschin' round to chaw yer right ear off! Whoa! steady now, Julie!"

At this shot the picture was struck, but it made Julie look as solemn as a girl trying to think up a composition on 'death.'—Atlanta Constitution.

**Sunshine vs. Dollars.**

Is it worth while to take all the sunshine out of life for the sake of a few miserable dollars? Meat and groceries and coal and clothing and necessaries are not all of life. If we restrict ourselves to these, and shut out books, music and pictures, and the hundred things that cultivate the aesthetic side of our nature, we shall be economical at the cost of drawing upon our moral and intellectual nature. And after we have done this for a long series of years, and so reached middle age with a fair balance in the bank, we shall then find ourselves unwilling to enjoy the pleasures that money will buy. We shall have kept one dusty road so long that when we finally turn aside in the groves and by the brookside, our eyes will be in no condition to see the beauties around us. Is it not better to give some brightness and color to our daily lives, even if by so doing we fall to increase our hoarded savings quite as rapidly as we otherwise might? Is economy quite worth the sacrifice of everything that makes life other than a dull and dismal drudgery? A wise expenditure of money for the good things of life is really the best economy.

**A Horrible Story.**

We find the following almost incredible story credited to the Middleport (Ohio) News: "We have heard of a very distressing accident occurring in Jackson county, West Virginia. It was a 'house raising.' As is customary on such occasions, chickens had been killed by chopping off their heads. Two little sons of the owner of the house to be raised saw the chickens thus gutted, and during the day concluded to repeat the operation. It was just at a time when the men were lifting a heavy log into its place. The father, who was holding one end of the log, casting his eyes toward the little fellows, one of whom had the ax raised to sever the neck of his brother, let go of the log to save the boy, and it fell, killing his men, two instantly, the others living but a few hours. The ax fell before the father could reach the scene, severing the neck of his son."

**A Moonlight Scene.**

[From the Virginia (Nev.) Enterprise.] As the nearly full moon was climbing the eastern sky last night a beautiful and romantic view was spread before our people. A dense stratum of smoke filled all the valleys to the eastward, the edge of which rested against the side of the mountain below the city. Under the light of the moon this broad sheet of smoke bore a striking resemblance to a calm, far-reaching sea. Over this sea one looked out from the town with nothing to break its smooth and shimmering expanse but a few wisps of smoke that rose in the east, touched the sky, far away in the east, where bright stars glistened in the blue against which it there rested—nothing, however, and there the upland peak of a mountain that stood forth as an island, far away from the main mainland. The sea of smoke and the scattered islands formed the background for a number of vast columns of steam that rose in the air from the hot-works along the side of the mountain and curved upward in feebly cloudy columns hundreds of feet against the blue sky, till the top reached and at times obscured the face of the moon.

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