

DULL ENGLISHMEN. Torpidity of the British Mind.—Can't See a Joke.—Artemus Ward.

An American Joke is as far beyond the intelligence of the average John Bull as it would be to a Hottentot. J. T. Raymond told me the other day, says Col. Forney in some of his reminiscences, that while playing "Colonel Sellers" in London, he received a dozen or more letters asking the meaning of "appropriation" in the phrase "I go in for the American flag and an appropriation."

When they reached the door and no one was there with the tickets, it slowly dawned upon them that Ward was laughing at them. Ward remained in London, and it became so dull that he wrote for Punch, and was crowned as a popular idol. The English fun of this age must be loud and uproarious, just as in the old comedies it is indecent. You see in the studied civility of their pantomime and machinical plays upon words in their burlesque. They have no ear for delicate wit. Even their Pinafore was lost upon them until the Americans took it up and roared over its satire, though W. S. Gilbert, its author, had long accustomed them to his vein of humor. Pinafore was all but a failure at the Theatre Comique, on the Strand, until the news came of its phenomenal runs all over this country; then the people flocked to hear it.

I doubt if there is a man in his profession who makes such a study of his art as John McCullough. It is his love. He reads every thing connected with the theatre, and so stores his knowledge that it is ready for service at any moment. Personally there is no one so genial. He has the faculty of making friends and keeping them beyond any person I ever met. As an actor he is wholly without jealousy. Sure of himself, he can for his support the very best material he can obtain. The people in his company have the strongest affection for him. He makes money almost as rapidly as the owner of a Colorado silver mine, and spends it like a prince in a novel. He listens to every tale of suffering, and then goes down to his pocket.

A capital insight into the character of the man is given by his friend John T. Raymond, who related the story to me an evening or two since. "When I was in London," said Raymond, "they asked me to one of their swell clubs. I went, of course, but I don't think I was ever before so miserable. We sat about stiffly, on uncomfortable chairs, for almost an hour, talking of the driest imaginable subjects. I felt I couldn't stand it any longer, so I turned to a gentleman next to me and said: 'Ain't they going to do anything?' 'I don't understand you,' he answered. 'I mean, I said, 'don't you think something liquid would be appropriate to the occasion?' 'Oh, no, sir! Not here.' And he appeared quite shocked at the idea. 'Well,' said I, 'I don't care a rap about taking a drink, but I would have been in an American club as long as I have been here as the guest of the members you would be drunk and very near drunk. That's all.' And I left. A couple of nights afterward John McCullough came to that same club, and sir, he astonished those Englishmen. He got them all off into a regular American frolic. How he managed it Heaven only knows, but he smashed through the ice, and everybody had the jolliest kind of a time."

THE WEEPING WILLOW. How a Product of the Garden of Eden Immigrated to this Country.

Harper's Young People. You have seen and admired the weeping willow tree—the Salix Babylonica—upon which the captive Hebrews hung their harps when they sat down by the rivers of Babylon and "wept when they remembered Zion." It is a native of the Garden of Eden, not of America, and I will tell you how it immigrated to this country.

More than one hundred and fifty years ago a merchant took his fortune. He went to Smyrna, a seaside city in Asia Minor, to recover it. Alexander Pope, one of the great poets of England, was the merchant's warm friend and sympathized with him in his misfortunes.

There was a rebellion in the English-American colonies in 1775. British troops were sent to Boston to put down the insurrection. Their leaders expected to find in that city a long time against their will. On his staff was his stepson, John Trickett, who frequently went to the British headquarters under the protection of a flag with dispatches to General Howe. He became acquainted with the young officer who had the willow twig and they became intimate friends.

end of an imprisonment of nine months, was glad to fly by sea, for life and liberty, to Halifax. Long before that flight the British subaltern, satisfied that he should never have an estate in America to adorn, gave his carefully preserved willow twig to young Custer, who planted it at Abingdon, his estate in Virginia, where it grew and flourished and became a parent of all the weeping willows in the United States.

Some time after the war General Horatio Gates, of the revolution, settled at Rose Hill farm in New York, and at the entrance of a lane which led from a country road to his country house he planted a twig from the vigorous willow at Abingdon, which he had brought with him. That country road is now Third avenue and that lane is Twenty-second street. Gates' mansion, built of wood and two stories in height, stood near the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Second avenue, where I saw it consumed by fire in 1815. The tree which grew from the twig planted at the entrance to Gates' lane, remained until comparatively a few years ago. It stood on the northeast corner of Third avenue and Twenty-second street. It was a direct descendant in the third generation of Pope's weeping willow planted at Twickenham about 1722.

GENERAL TERRY'S Reason for Removing the Benton Troops. Benton Record, June 4.

The following is a copy of General Terry's endorsement upon the telegram sent by our citizens to Secretary Lincoln, protesting against the removal of the troops from this place: HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA, ST. PAUL, MINN., May 16, 1881. Respectfully returned to the Headquarters of the Military Department of the Missouri. Orders to withdraw troops from the frontier are almost invariably followed by protests such as this, and, indeed, the question returns to the mind as a matter of course, immediately after such orders are issued, "How long will it be before the protest arrives?" It is not often, however, that such protests have so flimsy a foundation as this one appears to have.

The troops stationed in the town of Benton (there is no fort called Benton) consist of one skeleton company of Infantry. So far as my memory serves me now, they never have been called upon for duty outside the town, and how they could protect the settlers and their herds in the vast country of Choteau—the county referred to within—passes my comprehension. The town itself needs no military protection, and the troops have been kept there for the purpose of giving it protection. They were stationed there to serve as a guard to the Government stores landed there from steamboats during the summer.

It is easy to understand why the inhabitants of frontier villages should be reluctant to have troops withdrawn from their midst, even after all need of them has ceased to exist. Troops promote trade; they and their animals consume the products of the vicinity; they help to make a market. Sometimes, as in this case, buildings are hired by the Government for the use of the troops and large rents are paid. Of course, the inhabitants of the place desire that this pleasant state of affairs shall continue; but the army is not raised and maintained for such objects as these, and therefore some ostensible reason for the retention of the troops must be found.

Another reason always found: it is that depredations by Indians are still to be feared and that reason would be urged if no Indians had been seen in the neighborhood for years. I do not mean to intimate that those who make this protest are consciously actuated by any other motive than to promote the public good, but I do say that their interest in the retention of the troops as an element of their prosperity is so strong that they deceive themselves.

The proposed construction of the new post of Fort Maginnis makes it necessary to change the distribution of the troops in Montana. In directing this change I have ordered the company now at Benton to go to Fort Shaw, where it will be much more likely to be of service than at Benton. Fort Assiniboine lies northwesterly of Benton forty or fifty miles. Shaw is sixty-four miles to the south-east, and these two posts cover that part of the country so far as it is practicable to cover. It is manifestly impossible so to station troops as to prevent stragglers from occasionally killing and eating an ox from the herds when wander over that region.

Read the following TESTIMONIALS from well-known and Reliable men: DRAWORD, D. T., October 26, 1879. Dear Sir—In view of the fact that you have a safe of the name of the one you have just sent me, I have been through the safe, and I find it to be the best of its kind. I have used it for some time, and I find it to be the best of its kind. I have used it for some time, and I find it to be the best of its kind.

GRAND BALL HAYNES HALL, PHILIPSBURG, MONDAY, JULY 4, '81. Under the Auspices of Band of Hope Lodge No. 20, I. O. G. T. Supper at the Silver Lake House! A GOOD QUADRILLE BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. FLOOR MANAGERS—J. G. Melrose, D. Morgan, J. Baber. RECEPTION COMMITTEE—H. Browning, J. Cooper, D. H. B. B. TICKETS—Including Supper, 50c. The public are invited to attend. 60c. All persons knowing themselves indebted to any of the above named parties are requested to call on them at once, and settle with them. C. F. E. BILKINSON, Secy. Deer Lodge, N. T., August 1, 1881.

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ZOSSEL BROS., Main Street, Deer Lodge. Blacksmiths & Wagon Makers. Blacksmithing, Horse-Shoeing, and All Kinds of Repairing Done in the Best Manner AT SHORT NOTICE. HAVING COMPLETED OUR NEW BUILDING on Main Street, we are now prepared to do all kinds of work in the best possible manner.

EVERY HOUSE. Glendale, Montana. Held and served throughout, including the House for Commercial Travellers. This connected with the House. The Ordinary Department will be under the charge of a permanent American Cook. For Sale or Rent. All persons knowing themselves indebted to any of the above named parties are requested to call on them at once, and settle with them. C. F. E. BILKINSON, Secy. Deer Lodge, N. T., August 1, 1881.

THE CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY. Is the Oldest, Best-Constructed, Best-Equipped, and LEADING RAILWAY OF THE WEST AND NORTH-WEST! It is the SHORTEST, SUREST and SAFEST ROUTE between COUNCIL BLUFFS and CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, AND ALL PORTS EAST, such as Niagara Falls, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, etc.

Application for Patent. U. S. LAND OFFICE, Helena, M. T., May 16, 1881. Notice is hereby given that William A. Clark, by James H. Clark, attorney in fact, whose post-office address is Butte City, Silver Bow County, Montana, Territory, Salton Casper, whose post-office address is Casper, Montana Territory, and J. H. Moore, whose post-office address is Deer Lodge City, Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, have filed their application for patent for 1,500 acres of land in the Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, being the Silver and other metals, with surface ground varying from 40 to 600 acres, more or less, situated in the Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, in Township 14 N., Range 10 W., Section 12, Township 12, North Range, 10 West, which claim is recorded in the Recorder's office of Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, in Book K of said county, and the same is subject to the following description, to-wit: Beginning at the north-west corner at a limestone rock, marked M. 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