

Cast a Line for Yourself.

A young man, poor and dejected, stood watching some anglers on the bank of a stream. At length, approaching a basket well filled with fish, he sighed and said: "If I now had these I would be happy. I could sell them at a fair price, and buy me food and comfortable lodging."

"I will give you a good fish," said the owner, who chanced to overhear his words, "if you will do me a trifling favor."

"And what is that?" asked the other, eagerly. "Only tend this line till I come back; I wish to go on a short errand." The proposal was eagerly accepted. The old fisherman was gone longer than he expected, and the young man began to be impatient. Meanwhile, however, the hungry fish snapped greedily at the baited hook, and the young man lost his depression in the excitement of pulling them in, and when the owner of the line returned, he had caught a large number. Counting out from them as many as were in the basket, and presenting them to the young man, the old fisherman said: "I fulfill my promise for the fish you have caught, to teach you that whenever you see others earning what you need, to waste no time in fruitless wishes, but to cast a line for yourself."

How they Flourish.

The following anecdote is told of Father Allen, first pastor of the church in Wolfborough, N. H.:

One day, while writing a sermon, he was called out of his study, on some business with a neighbor. A young man with a large amount of fun and mischief in his head was living with the pastor. He went into the study and noticed a sermon lying on the desk, which Mr. Allen was writing for the coming Sabbath. Curiosity led him to read the page not quite finished. The last sentence Mr. Allen had left quite incomplete. It read as follows: "The wicked flourish like a green bay."

The boy added "horse." When Mr. Allen returned to the study he did not correct the boy's new interpretation, but from that point went on and finished the sermon. On the next Sabbath the congregation were startled with something new, if not true. The good pastor read his sermon, and said: "The wicked flourish like a green bay horse."

The preacher paused, and then said with emphasis, "horse! Yes, my brethren, like a green bay horse!" The scene which followed is described as one of uncontrollable merriment on the part of the congregation.

What Pleases the Public.

Talking the other day with an able and popular lecturer, who seldom failed to get a full and attentive audience, we ventured to ask what kind of subjects and what style of treatment he thought the public liked best.

"Well," was the reply, "I hardly know; but there's one secret I've found out—what the public hates is information."

People go to scientific lectures, no doubt, they would go to see a Greek play if it was the fashion, but the exuberant chuckle of laughter with which the weakest attempt at a joke on a lecturer's part is welcomed by the gravest audience is proof quite strong enough of the weariness of the natural man over the dry husks of instruction, and his delight when anything turns up which has an unexpected flavor. It suggests the feeling of the man who tasted the quince in his apple tart: "How delicious an apple tart would be which was all made of quinces."

An Indianapolis paper says: The other evening two ladies walked up Illinois street, past the Academy of Music, with an air and manner that indicated that they were searching for some one. Near the saloon door was a little boy, whom one of them recognized as her son, and questioned: "Oh, Charley, do you know where your papa is?"

"Why, of course, ma," was the answer, "he's in here playing marbles, and has got such great big ones." A hurried dive into the billiard-room followed, the sound of female voices, pitched in a high key, was heard, a sheepish-looking man emerged, and the party took up the march for home.

This is the way, according to the Faribault Leader, they do the handsome thing in the way of marriage presents in Minnesota. That sheet describes a fashionable wedding, and says:

"After the ceremonies, the friends presented the bride with one dozen beautiful oranges, one dozen fine lemons, five pounds of new figs, five pounds splendid assorted candies, and six cans of fresh oysters."

A newly invented fly paper in Titusville, Pa., is covered with nitro-glycerine, glue and molasses. The flies, attracted by the molasses, alight, and are stuck fast by the glue. Should any get away, they proceed to rub their legs together in ecstasy, when the friction of their own shins causes the nitro-glycerine to explode, blowing them to atoms.

A few things which you will not be sorry for:

- For hearing before judging.
- For thinking before speaking.
- For holding an angry tongue.
- For stopping the ear of a tattler.
- For refusing to kick a fallen man.
- For being kind to the distressed.
- For being patient to all.
- For doing good to all men.
- For walking upright before God.
- For lending to the Lord.
- For laying up treasures in Heaven.
- For asking pardon for wrongs.
- For speaking evil of no man.
- For being courteous to all.

The Radical Thieving.

The New York Herald, (Grant organ) under the heading, "The Last Batch of Official Thieves," says that following the local financial irregularities of the metropolis, comes a default of over one hundred thousand dollars in the New York post office and a robbery of a million by the Deputy Pay-master of the army at Washington. As the Republican organs have been blatant over Democratic plundering for the past few weeks, we may expect now, to witness a return fire from the Democratic side and to hear volley after volley discharged at the heads of the dishonest Radical officials. Turn about is fair play. In the meantime, the stolen money, whether purloined from the Finance Department, the Street Department, the Post Office, or the army chest, all comes out of the pockets of the people. The Herald should have added the distinction that while the money purloined from the departments of New York city came out of the pockets of the people of that city alone, the money purloined from the Post Office and army chest comes out of the people generally.

How is This?

When the so-called new departure was first presented to the public, through the resolutions of the Ohio State Convention, the Radicals declared in the most positive terms that it was only adopting their principles. They claimed that it was an attempt to steal their thunder, that it was in no way commendable on the part of the Democratic party. Since the elections in Ohio and Pennsylvania have resulted in a Democratic defeat, these same Radicals are announcing it as the death of the new departure. That it is the death of what, only a few weeks ago, they assured the public was nothing more nor less than their platform of principles and the main element of their party existence. If their position was correct then, and is correct now, it is certainly a matter of doubt who has been defeated in those two States. According to Radical logic the Democratic candidates have been defeated on one side and the principals of the Radical Party on the other.—Free Press.

The More Important.

In point of national consideration there is more importance to be attached to the result of the election in Texas than in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In Texas we gain three members of Congress, which is an important item in the political influence of the lower branch of Congress. It is an increased force against the unlimited power which that body has been exercising in the work of centralization. It will add to the volume of Democratic force in behalf of the maintenance of the Constitution and in favor of the preservation of constitutional government. The result in Texas is, therefore, of national importance and significance, and has a more decided bearing upon the future than the result in Pennsylvania and Ohio combined.—Free Press.

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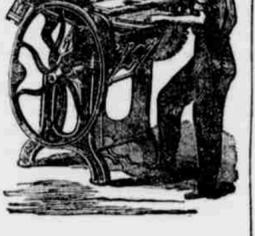
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