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Bill Nye at the Fair  
A LETTER FROM FATHER TO SON TELLING ALL ABOUT IT.

Or, Rather, Referring to It Occasionally at Long Intervals, When Other Topics Have Been Exhausted—Doing the Midway Plaisance and Spending a Pleasant Day.  
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CHICAGO, Sept. 12, 1893.

MY DEAR HENRY—You will no doubt be surprised to know that your mother and me have been to the World's fair for a plumb week, seeing it and being seen of it, as you might say.  
I had no idea of going all summer owing to the scarcity of stringency here, but by a lucky turn of stock I made \$200. I made a bet with an "educated farmer" at home regarding the height of the full



THE WATER COLOR GIRL.

grown peanut tree by which I made above amount. I bet my stock against his is why I refer to it as a deal in stocks. I sold the beef on the hoof for two hundred dollars and some cents. So he will remain at home, and I will tell him about the fair, which is a success.

I bought excursion tickets on the railroad at a scandalous low price and got here fresh and comfortable, with several doughnuts over and above what we needed. I have et doughnuts soaked in coffee now for most a week, and I shall never care for them again. Mother cooked a piller case full before we started, and I begin to yearn for vegetables, to tell the plain truth with the natural finish on it.

I suppose you are having a good time at New Roswell, and I send you what I can spare, but hope you will not tell your artist friends how I made the raise. I was bluffed into it by a man that came to our neighborhood and begun to farm it with a high hand and tell about "intelligent farming." He called on me when he first come to borrow some sweet potato seed, and I was not at home at the time, being away pricing a bull that I heard was for sale down the river, so he left his card.  
I've got it yet. What should I do with it, Henry? I have no place to keep it and hate to send it back to him, for it was done in a friendly way, and he did not mean to be anything but social, I take it.

Afterward he sent over for me to come and see him at once if I could. He wanted to have me sit up with him over night, as he was confined to his bed, he said, and "suffering intensely with some terrible eruption." I made what's called an examination and found he had been chawed up with what we call "jiggers." Jiggers, you rickolect, is a red bug about the size of a grain of red pepper and can hardly be seen with the naked eye. But the place he soon makes on the surface of an "intelligent farmer" can be seen across the fair ground easy.

This man—his name was Bertram Overleathers—had jigger terraces all over him and welts of hectic flushes and nice red gopher holes and perara dog villages till the cows come home. I never saw such a sight since I was born. His back looked like the fortifications around Vicksburg.  
He would talk with me in a lucid way for a few minutes, and then he would leap out of bed and back up against a wall of what he calls "lincruster walter" and agitate himself with a look of deleerious joy.

You know a jigger that even hears a rumor that an "intelligent farmer" is in the county will travel night and day to find him, and then there is an erie of good feeling and a barbecue right afterward. Bertram said he had been painting a picture of a heifer all the day before, and I found that while he was doing it he had been setting on an old dead log. Old dead logs is where jiggers in good standing holds their conclaves.  
A water color girl from Brooklyn, E. D., painted a self made bull of mine last year, aiming to exhibit the painting at one of the saloons in New York, she said, and she set on a nice mossy log too. I told her that a mossy log was pizen for insects; but, no, she allowed that she couldn't see any, and, in fact, she couldn't see anything smaller than a trestle, for she had been mellowed some by age.

There was sounds of revelry by night after that for several moons, and your mother says that since you had the hives she has not saw anything like it. She was a slender girl—so slender that a jigger-bite on the shin made her seem to be going the other way.  
Oh, how she murmured!  
I see no ill feeling or resentment south toward the northern man unless the northern man sits down on a dead log to read "Lorna Doone." Then there is something steals up his trousers legs which arouses the old party spirit.

I auctioned off some extra furniture the other day, especially yours, as I do not look for you to come home much more. Mother says you have mostly outgrown the home nest and will soon catch on to some other birding and make a nest of your own.  
You are old enough now to breathe words of love of evenings and wait for some celestial restaurant to come and take your order for meals. I shall always take an interest in you Henry

—you know that—but while there is no confidence shown in the stringency of the times I wish you would borrow mostly of people you are visiting at New Roswell.

Among other things I sold at the auction and fire sale was the heavy mahogany bedstid, which I thought that some lover of the antek would run up to a fabulous price. One woman spending the summer near us said all it wanted was some nice heavy brass castors so's that it could be jerked around easy and swep under. So I got a big set at Brightly's place for \$2.50 and put them in that night, boring holes in the bedstid to sock them into. You know old wood like that is pretty middling hard, and our auger was injured 18 years ago by my son when he bored into the pasture eleven or nine times for kerosene oil.

I put in the biggest part of the night boring four holes, your mother trying to hold the old quail trap stiddy whilst I worked, and in the morning it was auctioned off for \$1.50. This is a fact and shows how stringency is here on the farm.  
I reserved the castors while the bedstid was in transit and drove some nails in the auger holes to teach future generations that an old man like me cannot be ground under the iron heel of capital and then fed to the hogs. It may not be a Christian spirit, but there is about as little of the John Rogers ideal in me as most any honest farmer you will find in Buncombe county, N. C., U. S. A., which is my address.

But I have wandered from the World's fair, and possibly you are glad of it, for the papers are infested with it now most all the time, but it is the biggest thing I ever saw, and I shall be 68 next frost.  
We took a tent and picnic near the grounds. Quite a number of the wealthy people do that way. I stand it better than your mother does, as I was in the war and slept many of a night under a rhododendron bush and had to dress and undress for four years in the presence of the shocked and horrified moon.

Once I was changing my shirt toward the close of the war, for mother had told me not to dare to return from the war without doing so, when General Lee, a man of good family and generally supposed to have as much real polish as any man in the war, come in where I was in a large cotton field and brought 80,000 men with him, and I never had met any of them before in my life. That's the way a Yankee soldier was treated time and time again.

But that is neither here nor there. It was in Virginia. However, to come back to the fair. I have spent most of the time at the farm machinery egzibbit, where I get more animation and noise for my money than elsewhere. I also love to strole through the pictorial department and wonder what is behind the screen that is over a big painting there. Day after day I excuse myself to mother and go to the dairy awhile, and gradually so on around to where the picture is that has a blanket over it.  
It was a good idea whoever thought of it, for it brings a good many people to the gallery that otherwise would not come.

I was also much pleased with Eli Musser's egzibbit of buggies and phayturns. Eli is a man of enterprise and a general oner, as they say here. I went to school with him.

In the tapestry and rag carpet department there is a good deal that is expensive, but pretty well wore out, I should say. Our schoolteacher, Mr. Pilcher, that you stumped on how long it would take A, B and C to get their share of a grindstone used off if A paid two-thirds, B one-sixth and C had one-sixth charged, but did not pay for it, provided A and B took turns turning the grindstone and C riding on it with an old ax, and 6 per cent interest on money, is at the fair.

He got our district to believe that we ought to send him there "to get new ideas in school goverment and rational methods." I met him here with a big red badge on, and he had shaved off his John C. Calhoun whiskers, that used to bile up over his collar like a mass of red top busting out through a crack in the sidewalk and kind of give me the im-



IN THE MIDWAY PLAISANCE.

pression always that he had a pelt on him like a red Irish setter except where he shaved.  
Now he is all dressed up and has been shaved in the Palmer House barber shop, where they have a silver dollar in each square of the floor. Since times is so demonetized they have put plate glass mirrors on the ceiling so as to double the volume of silver coin on the floor. This is more like congress than anything I ever knew a barber to do.  
But I am wandering away from the fair again.

I was going to say that Mr. Pilcher was going to take me to see a specially spicy dance on the Midway pleasents Tuesday, but mother said she would not permit me to do so. I said to her sort of spirited and annoyed: "You read the papers and get lots of fool notions in your head. I think, for such a nice old lady as you seem like Probly," I said, winking at Pilcher, "you have made an erroneous of yourself regarding this dance."  
"No," she said, looking me in the eye in a way that made my mind infested with whiskers sure eray "I am making no

mistake, father. I was there yesterday myself."

There is nothing left now for me that is interesting except the people of the Dahomey village, who remind me of a Republican mass meeting in South Carolina.

Maybe I will have time to pencil off another letter whilst here, but this one, I know, is rambling, and I have had no time to revise it, for we engaged meals before we started from home, and the man lives of course in Chicago, but it is north of Beloit quite a ways, and our tent is in South Chicago, which is near Indianapolis. This keeps us on the go except when we lunch on the grounds and give our eggshells to the poor.

Day before yesterday I had a glass of beer, and the band seemed to play a little bit better than it had before since I have been on the grounds.

A man also came near falling off the big Ferris wheel 300 feet to the ground, and in every way it was the pleasantest day I have yet saw whilst here. So, goodbye. Yours respectfully, your father.

*Bill Nye*

P. S.—Your mother has just sprained her ankle, and I am with Pilcher this p. m. FATHER.

### His Speech.

Mr. W. M. Evarts, who has just been celebrating his golden wedding, is a man of wit not too often used for telling effect. He flashes his steel to good purpose now and then. The story is said that once at a dinner of the New York Potters, a sort of family reunion, he as their counsel had been asked to dine with them all. There was a bishop, and there was a doctor of divinity, and there were other distinguished scions of the family tree present, and the after dinner speeches had all been—very natural for such an occasion—on the fame and success of one another. The history of the Potters since they first came to this country was told in all its glorious details. Then Mr. Evarts was asked to make a speech, and they say he said that he felt he really must be excused. In this reverend presence, however, he might be pardoned for uttering a paraphrase of Scripture which had come into his mind during the speeches of the rest—"Lord, Lord, thou art the clay, and we are the Potters!"—Boston Transcript.

### Drawing Room Tactics.



Harry—Quite a military establishment over there at Miss Pruy'n's, but their tactics are a little mixed.  
May—How so?  
Harry—Why, last evening, just as she stood at "present arms," her father "fired."—Vogue.

### His Preference.

The varying schemes under which high priced hotels exact the largest possible amount of money from their patrons were fully investigated by Uncle Jedediah Hawkins of Hawkins' Corners during his recent visit to the World's fair. On his return he talked learnedly of the American and the European plans to his neighbor, Mr. Tudelsack.  
"Und vot," asked Mr. Tudelsack, "ish dot American blan mit a hotel?"  
"The Amerikin plan," answered Uncle Jedediah, "is a scheme in a hotel 'cordin to which ye have to eat twice as much as ye want in order to git your money's worth."  
"Und vot is dot Eurobean blan?"  
"The European plan is jest the other way around. Ye have less'n ye want to eat by payin fer twiced as much as ye git."  
"By shiminy!" said Mr. Tudelsack, "I like petter dot American blan!"—Youth's Companion.

### Professional Instinct.

Husband (the father of six daughters)—Come, Rosa, there is a gentleman in the drawing room who wants to marry one of our daughters. He is a wine merchant.  
Wife—A wine merchant? Heaven be praised! Then he will be sure to select one of the older brands.—Naine Jaune.

### A Cheap Overcoat.

Smith (to journalistic friend)—You say you never wear an overcoat in winter.  
Journalist—I never do.  
"What do you do in very cold weather?"  
"I run."—Texas Sittings.

### Constrained.

"Must you go?" she cooed.  
"Can you doubt me?" he asked feverishly as the footsteps on the stairs drew nearer.—Detroit Tribune.

### In Doubt.

I married a jolly bachelor girl, all energy, vigor and go.  
She can ride straight to bounds, she can hunt, she can swim.  
She can handle the oars with a masculine vim.  
But, alas! I'm afraid she can't sew!  
My buttons are off; my socks are in holes; I know what a fright I must look.  
The servants won't stay; there's a row below stairs.  
My wife says, "Good riddance, and nobody cares."  
But, alas! I am sure she can't cook!  
Then this slovenly room—tennis balls lying here, and shoes and kid gloves in a heap.  
My wife can play racket; can swim and can row.  
Her biceps would grace any man that I know.  
But, alas! I'm afraid she can't sweep!—Truth.

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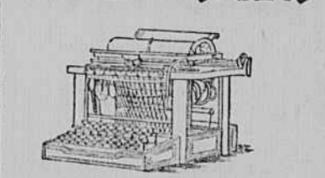
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