

## SHORT STORIES

In Modern Mores.

He Was Needed.

The front door bell rang furiously, says the Chicago Journal. A head adorned with shaggy and unmanageable whiskers was thrust out of the chamber window, and a voice that fitted the beard enquired, "Who is it?"

"Oh, is this Mr. Higgins?" came a shrill voice from the shade of the doorway below.

"Yes."

"Please come to No. 41 High street just as quick as you can, and bring your instruments."

"I ain't no doctor—I'm a carpenter. Dr. Higgins lives two doors below," and the window was coming down with a slam, when "Please, sir," said the little voice, "It's you we want. Pa and ma is shut up in the folding bed, and we can't get 'em out!"

Predestined Obsequies.

One morning, while visiting in Richmond, says a writer in Harper's, I overheard the following conversation between my hostess and the cook:

"Please Mis' Gawdon, may I git out nex' Sunday to go to the funeral of a friend of mine?"

"Next Sunday? Why, Eliza, this is only Monday! They would not put a funeral off for a week."

"Yes'm," respectfully; "but dey has to, 'cause he ain't dead yet."

"Not dead! I am positively ashamed of you. How can you be so heartless as to arrange to attend the funeral of a man who is still living? Why, he may not die at all."

"Yes'm, but he will; dey ain't no hope."

"It is impossible to say that Eliza; the best doctors are often mistaken. But even if they do know a case to be hopeless, they cannot predict the exact time of a man's death with such a certainty that the funeral can be arranged so long beforehand."

"Yas'h," with calm assurance; "but he will be buried nex' Sunday, for all dat, 'cause he's gwine to be hung on Friday."

Revising The Family Bible.

"Have you a revised copy of the New Testament in the library, Miss Reid?" asked the young man, who was making an evening call, says Stray Stories.

"No, Mr. Slow," she replied, I regret to say we haven't."

"What's a revised copy?" asked Bobby, who had been permitted to sit up latter than usual.

"You are rather young, yet, Bobby, to understand matters," said his sister, kindly. "A revised copy means that certain changes have been made in the Bible which were considered necessary to a better understanding of the text. Now you had better run off to bed—there's a good boy." The young man could scarcely conceal his admiration.

Well, if that's what it is," said Bobby, "our family bible is revised, 'cause pa changed it the other day. He scratched out the date of your birth and made it three years later. He told ma something about you and Mr. Slow, and said it wouldn't do any harm now, and, if Mr. Slow wanted to look at it might do a deal of good." Presently the young man went away, and a family consultation was held. It resulted in Bobby's passing a sleepless night.

Uses For a Million.

Seated with some congenial cronies in a cool corner of a roof garden the other night was James Connor Roach, actor, playwright, wit and raconteur, says the Philadelphia Times. They had been discussing wealth and what it meant to be a man of millions, when Roach said:

"Now, how many of us here tonight know what \$1,000,000 really means? How many people in general know?"

"Some think of a million as a check for that amount signed by George Gould and endorsed by Russell Sage. Others picture great heaps of gold."

When I hear poor chaps like us speaking of millions I think of the story of three of my countrymen who were digging a sewer in Kensington.

"They had shovels with very short handles, and the dirt had to be thrown higher the deeper they dug, so the longer they worked the more energy had to be expended."

"One noon hour, they were seated along the fence, eating dinner, when Pat said:

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Pullman car and spend the rest of me days in luxury.

"Mike removed his pipe from his mouth, sighed as he looked at his empty pail, and said:

"Well, well now, would yez? I'd buy me one of the big corner saloons with all the lookin' glasses, and iv'ry time I took a drink I'd see meself twenty-four times takin' it."

"The whistle summoned them to work, when Jim gave his opinion. "Holding his lame old back with one hand, and reaching for his shovel, he declared:

"If I had a millyun dollars I'd add two feet to the handles of these shovels."

KOREA'S LATEST.

Perhaps the most important item in this week's foreign news is the announcement that Korea has organized her first brass band of forty pieces, every piece played by a native, and has had a national hymn made to fit it.

Buckle, historian of "civilization," exposed his limitations by strangely omitting the brass band and the national hymn from his list of things symptomatic of empire building. History holds no record of a great nation without a brass band and something in the line of "Der Wacht am Rhine," the "Marsellaise" or "My country 'Tis of Thee," nor any record of an uncivilized race that had either one or the other. The tom-tom is savage, the stringed instrument half civilized; the band of brass, with the drum major in front, is civilization rampant and strident.

Every intelligent observer of our own national life knows that the first sign a small town shows of expansion into a large city is the formation of a brass band. Trade commerce, agriculture, wealth, population—all follow the band. Korea's band, so our minister to that nascent nation says, not only plays the newly built anthem "God Save the Emperor," but also discourses in perfect time the dulcet melodies of "Annie Rooney" and "Two Little Girls in Blue." This means that Korea has surely entered the race for world power. The time is not far off when all London and New York will sit spellbound—best seats \$1.00—while the waltz, the march and eke the ragtime of the hermit kingdom is dispensed by the band of some Korean Sousa.

The state press is now urging the farmers to plant wheat, but why we are unable to see. Past experience has proven that the climatic conditions of this section are not suitable for wheat growing and that it is an unprofitable crop. The purchase of four or five barrels of flour is not what keeps the farmer behind, but when he spends his hard-earned money for corn and meat, then he is on dangerous ground. Say five acres of land would be required to raise wheat enough to furnish the farmer his flour a year. This same land would produce from three to five bales of cotton, and at the extremely low price of five cents per pound would pay for his flour and leave him lots of money besides. The average Mississippi farmer is not in the experimental business, but is tilling the soil for a livelihood. Corn and meat can be raised in abundance in all parts of the state, and happy is the man who has a crib full of corn and a smoke house packed with home raised meat.

When a girl sits on the porch, and looks out into the dark, she likes to give the impression that she is looking into the future.

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