

UP-TO-DATE FABLES.

Tom McNeil in his Topknot Hall and Breeze.
A bull dog was barking at the foot of a tree. A Thomas cat was seated in the branches. "Come down here, you long tailed coward," growled the bull dog, "and I will chew the life out of you within four minutes by the watch."
"Oh, just come up here, you bowlegged, lumpy-jawed, pink-eyed, flea-bitten, bob-tailed, creased — — and I will claw you to death in less than a minute," yowled out the cat, for he perceived that the dog was up against it in a climbing stunt.
Moral: Many an individual in mighty brave when he feels certain that he is in no danger.

A tramp who was playing the cripple racket, stopped at a farm house and asked the lady who was in charge if she could do something in the way of charity for a poor lame man.
"How long have you been lame, poor man?" said the woman, who had a tolerably keen eye herself.
"Ever since I was a child," said the tramp, squeezing out a tear.

"Too bad, too bad," said the woman with a glint in her optic, "but I have a cure here that will beat Christian science all hollow." And as she loosened the dog the lame man made a get-away that would have excited the envy of the man who makes the run around the end in a football game.
"And yet they say," remarked the woman as she watched the tramp clear the yard fence with four or five inches to spare, "that there are no miracles in these days."

A horse was seen with his teeth in a post and filling himself with atmosphere to beat the band.
"What is the matter with that old fool over there?" asked a horse who was munching alfalfa in a neighboring stall.
"Don't speak hard of him," said a horse in the next stall. "This is the result of habit. During the time when the Democrats were running the country he had to fill up on wind, and after good times set in again he found that he had the habit so strong that he was a confirmed windsucker and has been ever since."

A Democratic rally was being held in the auditorium. Two flies that had been buzzing gaily about suddenly began to shiver. "Great Scott!" said the younger fly as it crawled stiffly up to a place near the electric light burner. "You told me, mother, that there would not be any frost in Kansas before the middle of September and here is a freeze in the middle of August."

We heard recently of a man who had delirium tremens. We had known the man many years, but did not know he was a drinking man. Drinking is a very bad habit, but if a man must be a drunkard, let him be one of the secretive kind. Nothing irritates us quite as much as the man who wants to make an exhibition of himself every time he takes two or three drinks.

A NEW ACCESSION.
Hearst's New York Journal prints the following in great headlines over the whole top of a page in a late evening edition:
"The people ought to rise in a committee of the whole to demand that the President call an extra session of Congress to act, even to the extent of declaring martial law in the coal fields, and take national possession of them and the railroads.—Henry Demarest Lloyd."

"If the operators and miners will not agree to this plan (arbitration), it seems to me that there is nothing else for the public to do but to take the situation into its own hands, and by the right that is vested in the public, take possession of the whole machinery of coal production and operate the mines for the benefit of the people at large.—Jacob A. Rife."

"The National administration has taken the ground in the Philippines that when land owners have used their possessions in such a way as to become a public nuisance they must be gotten rid of. Precisely the same principle requires the expropriation of the coal operators.—Jacob H. Crosby."

Commenting editorially, the Journal says, in big headed type:
"This condition of things can only be remedied by national ownership of trusts. These enormous economies must be made by the people as a whole, and not by a few individuals."

Heretofore, the Journal has been in favor of public ownership of public utilities. It now sees that this is not sufficient to remedy the evil, and comes out boldly

MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

(From N. Y. Herald, January 14, 1903)
"The widow of Dr. Lazzaro, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."
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