

THEY ALL LEFT.

There is a man in town who is most dreadfully wicked, perverse, and heedless.

They had morning, noon, and evening prayers, at which he was always forced to attend.

Once when all the neighboring children had attended a circus, and in childish glee had told him about the horses, clowns, elephants, lions and tigers.

Now it would really seem that after such wholesome training as this that this boy would become a very religious man; but, on the contrary he turned out to be one of the very worst in the business.

The whys and wherefores of this lamentable result have always been a great mystery to his parents.

He got along to be about forty years old and was considerable of a wag in his way, and at the urgent solicitation of his now aged parents.

Actuated by the Evil One, he made up his mind to break up the camp-meeting, and he looked around to secure an instrument.

With the experience and insight of a woman of the world, of about five and thirty, of full habit, black hair, blue eyes, and an industrious tongue—Mrs. Jones.

Well, the second night of the camp this way, in the dead of the night, went behind Mrs. J.'s tent and tapped.

"Who's that?" asked Mrs. J. who happened to be awake.

"No, sir. And even if I did, sir, what do you mean by coming here to my tent at this hour?"

"I beg you, madam, to speak low. I know Mr. Jones ain't in there, because I saw him go to town this afternoon.

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"Never, doctor, never. I won't say a word about it."

"Thank you, ma'am. What do you suppose is the matter with those

poor, little, sick children over in Avenue A?"

"Laws, doctor, how should I know! The mumps?"

"Mumps, ma'am! Would it were not worse than the mumps—out you'll never speak of it?"

"Never, doctor, I'll never mention it to a soul."

"Well, ma'am, one of those children has the worst case of diphtheria I have ever seen—a frightful case. The other has the scarlet fever in its most virulent form, and I know that both of those horrible diseases are going through this camp like wildfire, and no child will escape.

"Lors-a-mercy!" said Mrs. J., and she bounced out of bed, lit her candle, woke her children, looked down their throats, felt their pulses, put on her clothes, packed her trunk, and thought morning would never come.

And that's how the scoundrel broke up the camp.

GYMNASTICS.

"Say, stranger, kin I git a fight in yere?" he asked, looking cautiously around and wetting his hands in a promontory sort of way.

"What kind of a fight would you like?" asked the barkeeper, eyeing him gloomily.

"Pistol, knife, fist, tooth, anything. I want to live up to the prevailin' style. Suit yourself, pardner."

"Well," observed the host, picking up a base ball bat. "how'll this suit you? Like to try something in this line?"

"Haven't yer got a sword, or a cleaver, or a buzz saw, or somethin' that yer can rely onto if we git close together? Ain't there some weapon that goes more into the gore business?"

"This will do me," replied the barkeeper waltzing over the bar and slamming the pugnacious visitor against the wall.

"Don't need anything better than this," and he banged him across a beer table. "Got enough?"

"I ain't got started yit," said the stranger, as he lifted the barkeeper over the stove. "Don't git impatient. I'll warm up in a second," and he hoisted his antagonist over the bar.

Jist indulge these yer false starts; I'll go under the string for a heat in a minute," and he hauled the barkeeper out by the ear and broke half a dozen chairs with him.

"I'll raise up poaty quick now. Gimme a little time," and he danced a hornpipe on his fee and then pitched him through the back door. "Now I'm feelin' the inspiration! Whoop!" and he kicked his enemy under the porch.

"Hi, stranger! Ain't this fruit? Talk about spring vegetables! What's lamb and peas to this?" and he fired the unhappy barkeeper down the cellar.

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"Yer see, pardner," said the stranger, filling a glass to the brim, and holding it between his eyes and the light, "yer see, I've only been married a month, and I haven't been home for a week, and I wanted to be warmed up into trim fer the matinee. There's four bar rooms twixt here and my house, and by the time I git thar pot lids and flatirons will only be an appetizer fer me. Married man, pardner?"

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