

Taken at His Word.

When General Sherman's army was at Goldsboro, N. C., he made a visit to the headquarters of Gen. Howard. While there Gen. Sherman felt the need of a small draught of whiskey to drive off the malarial effects of the country on his system. Now all the officers of the army knew of Gen. Howard's rigid temperance proclivities, and were strict in their respect of them. General Sherman knew there was no whiskey in Gen. Howard's quarters, and therefore did not mention his wants to Gen. Howard. Presently Dr. John Moore the medical director came in and after a little conversation Gen. Sherman gave him a wink and said: "Doctor, have you a sedlitz powder in your quarters?" The doctor answered that he had. Gen. Howard spoke up and said: "Gen. Sherman it is not necessary to go to the doctor's quarters, I have plenty of sedlitz powders here, and good ones too. I will get you one." If there was anything in Gen. Howard's quarters that Gen. Sherman did not want, it was a sedlitz powder, and therefore he said to Gen. Harod: "Never mind general, give yourself no trouble." Howard was then getting the powder and glasses of water ready. "I will be going by Dr. Moore's quarters after awhile," Dr. Moore was a great wag and quickly took in the situation and became a party to the joke on Gen. Sherman. He said to General Sherman: "By the way general, I don't think I have a sedlitz powder in my quarters, and you had better take the one Gen. Howard has." This time General Howard had the powder all ready for use, and handed the glasses to Gen. Sherman. Rather than offend Howard by saying he meant whiskey, he drank the foaming stuff down, much to his own disgust, to the satisfaction of Gen. Howard and to the amusement of the staff.

"Ota Hardist has done a good deal for your town hasn't he?" said a granger to a citizen of a country village. "Yes indeed," replied the citizen, who knew Hardist from way back. "What are some of the most prominent things he has done?" "Well he has just done one of the best things he ever did for the town." "You don't say! And what was that?" "He moved out West," Yonkers Statesman.

A Great Discovery.

Dr. Wm. Thomas, of Newton, Iowa, says: My wife has been seriously affected with a cough for twenty-five years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved her very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured her. She has not had so good health for thirty years. Trial bottles free at W. C. Gaston & Co.'s drug store. Large size \$1.

A Center Shot.

Governor Roberts of Texas is not a fluent speaker. On the contrary, his slowness and hesitation while making a public speech, is absolutely painful to listeners. They seem to sit on pins and needles, and they fairly ache to help him along. However, he occasionally makes a first class hit. The way he sat down on some Greenbackers who were interrupting him while he was making a public speech at San Antonio, was very amusing. There were quite a number of Greenbackers present in one corner of the hall. Whenever Governor Roberts referred to the Greenback party, or to Brick Pomroy, who was then a Greenback apostle, the Greenback advocates cheered vociferously and stamped. They repeated these tactics several times, until Governor Roberts made up his mind to stop them. "You Greenbackers say that you believe in the greatest good to the greatest number. That is one of your mottoes isn't it?" "Yes you bet we do yelled the Greenbackers in a chorus." "Very well, then," replied Roberts "Now let us suppose a case. A merchant has two thousand different men have goods on credit, on their promise to pay on the first of January. He has let them have his goods and they have used them up. You understand the situation don't you?" "Yes," yelled the Greenbackers.

"Very well. Now suppose that these two thousand men have the money to pay the merchant for his goods which they have used, but instead of so doing, they put the money in their own pockets. You understand what I mean don't you?" "Yes," yelled the Greenbackers.

"Very well. The merchant is only one man, while his debtors number two thousand. Would it be honest for these two thousand men to refuse to pay the merchant, who is only one, in order to carry out the principles of the Greenback party, that of the greatest good to the greatest number, eh? Cheer that now, will you?"

Talk Among the Tools.

"Yes," said the carpenter looking at a diagram in his hand, "that will be a very pretty cabinet and I'll begin it at once." "So saying he drew open a draw, wherein lay a row of shining new tools. No sooner was the draw opened, than a conversation began. "There," said the plane, "I am afraid I shall be wanted to smooth that wood, and I know I cannot do it. It is a thing I have never done, and I shrink so from beginning. Oh, will you not do it for me?" it said addressing an old worn-out plane that lay on the bench.

"Ah! my working days are over, or I would gladly be used said the old plane. "But you need not attach so much importance to yourself, my young friend; you will find when it comes to the point, you have only to leave the work to the carpenter; you have in reality nothing to do but be willing he should use you."

Hardly were these words spoken when the carpenter stretched out his hands and seizing the trembling plane, began vigorously to remove all the roughness from a splendid piece of pine wood. This finished the plane was put down beside its old friend, and immediately, to the astonishment of the latter, burst into a fit of weeping. "Why, what's wrong?" said the old plane.

"Oh, I can never lift up my head again, sobbed the plane. "I have made a sad affair of that piece of wood; I cannot do this kind of work at all. "Well, you astonish me," said the old plane. "I cannot see what you had to do with it. You are not responsible for the work; and I can not believe the farmer made any mess of the wood; he is far too skilled a workman to do that."

Their voices were drowned by harsh discordant sounds; and looking up they beheld the carpenter severing the wood with a saw. This done, the saw placed beside the planes on the bench, and began at once to give an account of what it had been doing. "Well, I declare I have discovered a talent I did not know I possessed. I went as cleanly as a knife through that wood. It was a capital job. I quite enjoy this work. Did you hear how some of the tools applauded me?"

"As you are so clever," said the old plane, "perhaps you will say through this piece of waste wood here? We should like to test your powers." Before any one had time to speak, the saw was again taken up by the carpenter, and sent cleanly and swiftly through another plank. While this was being done, the door opened, and a sunny faced little girl ran in saying, "I have learnt my text now father, may I say it to you?" And slowly and sweetly the little one said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

"Right my little sunbeam, said the father. "Would you now like for me to tell you what that means?" Raising the little one up in his arms he showed her the drawer of tools, and asked her how much work they could do by themselves? "Oh, father, you are laughing," said the child. "Of course the tools cannot move, they are not alive."

"Then how did that wood become so smooth?" "Why you did it father," said the child. "Will you not give the plane any credit," said the father smiling. "Oh, now you are making fun of me, father. Why do you ask me such strange questions?" "My darling," said the father, folding her closely in his arms, "it is because I want you to understand that these tools. I want my little sunbeam to give herself to the great Master, the Lord Jesus that He may work through her; and I want her to know beforehand, that there is no credit to her for what she will do; so she need never despond, nor feel proud, over any work, for like these tools, she is by herself powerless."

Upsetting Moses.

Jim Manly began to talk: "I say deacon, Darwin's evolution is a little hard on the first chapter of Genesis. Of course we don't know how it will turn out, but it looks a little as though they were going to upset Moses." The deacon made no answer. He surely must have heard Jim's remark. Presently he was observed to be counting his fingers slowly, with a pause for thought between each enumeration. After awhile Jim ventured to ask: "Counting up your saw-logs, deacon, aren't you?" "No," said the deacon. "I'll tell you. Your remark set me to thinking. I was just counting how many times in the course of human history somebody has upset Moses. First of all, two old jugglers named Jannes and Jambres undertook this but they failed. Then a certain king named Pharaoh went at the work of upsetting. He must have found it more of a work than he anticipated, for he has not returned home yet. Then three leaders of liberal thought—Korah, Dathan and Abiram—went at the job. They failed at the upsetting part, but they secured a bit of ranch for themselves, which they and their children have held in quiet possession until this day. Later on a king named Nebuchadnezzar entered upon the upsetting business. He did not succeed either. He spent seven years eating grass like a beast and when he had served out his time he changed his mind, and was a sadder and wiser man. His successor met with disaster, and in a similar attempt. Since that time there has been no end of persons who have tried to upset Moses. Some ancient heathen, Celsus and Porphyry and Julien the apostle, and latterly these German critics and scientists, so called, are at the same thing. Years ago, when I was in Boston, I heard of a meeting of free-thinkers at a place called Chapman Hall. I could not resist the temptation to go just once and hear what they said. I found about twenty persons there; three or four of them were women, all the rest men. And what do you suppose they were engaged in? The old enterprise of upsetting Moses. And yet Moses has to-day in the synagogues of Boston more people that preach him than ever before. It is astonishing how much upsetting it takes to upset Moses. It is like upsetting a granite cube. Turn it on which face you will, there it stands as solid as ever. The cube is used to being upset and does not mind it. It always amuses me when I hear a fresh cry from some new quarter, averring that some man whom nobody ever heard of has found out a sure way of doing what others have failed in. And now comes Jim Manly and Moses has to be upset again. Ah well!" and the deacon sighed. There was a roar of laughter that made the rafters of the old saw-mill ring and all joined in except Jim—National Baptist.

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