

COW BELLS.

Scarlet, purple, orange light
Faded to palest green;
Farm house windows glow less bright
Where the glare has been.

SIMEON, THE BEAR AND THE SHEEP

Case of a Man Who Insisted on Running Against Nature.

"UNCLE JASE sot a minute," said the man from the Knob country,

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ketched. It'd be state's prison, sure as cats, he says. "The bear that Simeon had ketched asleep was layin' there by its pole, prentendin' to be snoozin', but when my gran'father spoke them words it opened its eyes and looked up suddent and queer. Then it got up and took to thinkin' like, and kep' turnin' itseyes on Simeon, and gran'father says to Simeon ag'in to beware o' that bear; but Simeon jest says: 'Poo!'

"Next day," says the Squire, "gran'father went away on a three weeks' raftin' trip, and the day after that young Steve, who lived next farm to Simeon, got up early and found three of his sheep gone. But the thief had left such a trail that Steve follered it till it stopped, and then he almost kerflummixed, he was so astounded.

"But he went right off," says the Squire, "and woke up the justice of the peace, and told him he wanted a warrant for the sheep thief; and when young Steve told him who it was he 'most fell in a fit. Then Steve routed out the constable, and where do you think he led him? Straight to Simeon's!

"First," says the Squire, "they went to the milk house. There hung young Steve's three sheep. And they were skinned! Then they went to the barn. There laid the pelts off o' them sheep, on the barn floor.

"That was all they wanted. They got Simeon up, served the warrant and marched him off in spite of all he could say. "Young Steve said afterward," says the Squire, "that he see the bear dancin' around the pole, and huggin' itself as if it was jest about bustin' with joy o' somethin', but Steve didn't think nothin' about it, bears bein' queer."

"The Squire went on and told Uncle Jase how the upshot of it all was that the day his grandfather got back from his three weeks' raftin' trip he went over to Simeon to see how him and the bear was gittin' along, the Squire's grandfather, of course, not havin' heard anything about Simeon bein' took up for sheep stealin', and there was the bear layin' down by the pole, ponderin' like, when along comes young Steve with the news from the county seat, and he hollers out:

"Hooray! Simeon gits three years in jail! Hooray!"

"With that," says the Squire, "the bear jumped up and danced and hugged itself, and almost hollered hooray, too."

"When the Squire's grandfather heard all about it, he up and says:

"I warned him! I warned him ag'in the bear, but he poofed at me! The bear stole them sheep and put it on to Simeon, sure as guns!"

"Then," says the Squire, "the bear quit huggin' itself, and laid down and looked skeer and sneakin'. But there wouldn't nobody else believe that the bear had done it, and the unfortunate man that poofed at my ancestor, who knew bears from A to Izzard, and that scoffed at Natur, 'not knowin' she was so wonderful in bears that a bear ketched asleep was bound to git even with its ketcher, even if it had to make him out a sheep thief—that unfortunate man had to serve his time. Uncle Jase," says the Squire, "the best thing you can do is to send Evander warnin'."

"Uncle Jase he sot a spell; and then he says to the Squire, sort o' as a clincher:

"Squire," he says, "happens that Simeon was an ancestor o' mine," he says, "and not so long back, neither," he says, "and it's a little queer, seems to me," he says, "that I never heerd of a bear makin' of him out to be a sheep thief," says he.

"What!" says the Squire, jest as if he was s'prised more than he could say. "Simeon an ancestor o' your'n?" he says. "Well—well—well!" he says. "Kin it be, then," says he, "that the bear didn't steal them sheep after all?" says he.

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PATENTS FLYING MACHINE.

South Dakotan Employs Balloon Supporting Frame Driven by Motor Power.

Isaac I. Morris, of Mellette, S. D., has been granted a patent for a flying machine. It is his own invention. It is alleged that the machine flies and is controlled with ease. The inventor had trouble to satisfy the examiners that the invention would work. In his application Mr. Morris says:

"A balloon-supported frame is employed, provided with a motive power, including means for lifting and means for driving. It also carries a steering device and wheels to support the structure when on the ground.

"Another purpose is to provide a novel form of rotary wings used in connection with fixed canopy wings of like construction, all the wings being provided with automatically operating valves, the valves of the rotary wings opening at the upper strokes and closing at their downward strokes, while the valves of the fixed canopy wings operate simultaneously with the rotary wings, but reversely, the valves of the canopy wings are closed with their downward and lifting motion and closing when the side wings are on their up stroke to maintain an elevation acquired by the side wings during their downward stroke."

"My gran'father," says the Squire, "knewed bears from A to Izzard, and how wonderful natur' was into 'em, and he went away sorrowin', 'cause he knowed there was a day o' reckonin' for Simeon if he didn't kill that bear he had snuck up and ketched when it was sleepin'. And natur' is natur' now and bears is bears jest the same as they was then, says the Squire. 'I feel sorry for Evander,' he says.

"Then Uncle Jase he says 'Poo!' ag'in as scornful as Sam HHI; and the Squire he shook his head and says: 'Too bad! Too bad!'

"As for Simeon," says the Squire, "he wa'n't partic'lar poplar in the deestrict, that's so, but he hadn't never done nothin' wrong as anybody knowed on. Yit he had ways, and folks didn't care much for him. Then along about that time some one took to stealin' sheep around there most tremendous. Who was doin' of it nobody couldn't git no idee.

"One day," says the Squire, "my gran'father was talkin' to Simeon, and he says to Simeon that it'd go hard with the sheep stealers if they was ever

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The oldest mason is beginning to get his name in the papers again, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Look out for another of George Washington's body servants.

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AT HOME IN A HAWK.

Good Listener Had No Thrilling Tales to Relate, But He Made a Hit.

President Roosevelt, John Burroughs, John Muir, or two statesmen and a couple of cowboys were sitting around a campfire in the west swapping anecdotes, relating an exchange. Mr. Muir told of an encounter with a polar bear in the Arctic circle. Mr. Burroughs had had several exciting experiences. One of the statesmen had participated in a whale hunt. Both cowboys had passed through strenuous moments. The president's reminiscences included an encounter with a mountain lion and a conflict with a grizzly. One of the statesmen in the party, a man of much ability, vouchsafed no stories. "Come," said the president, "tell us some of your experiences." "Mr. President and friends," replied the lawyer, "there are no thrilling natural history chapters in my career. Lions, Ludians, bears and wild horses have never come across my path. In fact, I have never been astride a horse of any description in my life, but," he added, solemnly, "I am simply out of sight in a hawk."

Hollered It Down. An amusing story is told of the editor of a go-ahead London evening newspaper, who, in the eternal rushing to press to get ahead of the opposition, was constantly impressing upon his reporters the necessity for condensing all news.

A terrific boiler explosion had taken place on board a big ship lying at Portsmouth. "Get down there as hard as you can," he said to one of his men. "If you catch the 11:40 from London bridge just wire us something for the fifth edition, but boil it down."

And the reporter went. Soon after two o'clock that afternoon they got a wire from him. "Terrific explosion. Man-o'-war. Boiler empty. Engineer full. Funeral to-morrow."—London Tit-Bits.

Elevating the Standard. "So you are to have a high church wedding," asks the friend of the beauteous damsel who is to become a midsummer bride. "Yes, indeed," she admits. "It seems to be quite the fashion now," says the friend. "Yes, but papa is determined that mine shall be a higher church wedding than any of the other."

"I thought that high church was high church, and that ended it." "But papa has donated enough money to the congregation to allow them to build the spire 50 feet higher."—N. Y. Tribune.

More Cause for Divorce. "The general run of allegation in divorce proceedings is commonplace, but sometimes we get a case in which the charges are really amusing," remarked a man who is well known as a member of the bar. "Some time ago," he continued, "a neat little woman called at my office and inquired as to how to go about instituting a suit for divorce against her husband. I gave her the necessary information and she placed the case in my hands. The first charge that she made against her spouse was that 'he refused to kneel down and say his prayers the first night we were married, the brute!'"—Chicago Chronicle.

A True Portrait. The widow was taking her first look at the bust of her beloved husband. The clay was still damp. "Pray examine it well, madam," said the sculptor. "If there is anything wrong I can alter it."

The widow looked at it with a mixture of sorrow and satisfaction. "It is just like him," she said, "a perfect portrait—his large nose—the sign of goodness." Here she burst into tears. "He was so good! Make the nose a little larger!"—Youth's Companion.

Too Personal. Moneybags—How did your banquet go off, Banklurk? Banklurk—Not as well as it might, you know. The toastmaster called on a gentleman who had lost an arm and a leg to answer to the toast of "Our Absent Members."

Wisdom of Experience. "Why," asks a Missouri paper, "does Missouri stand at the head in raising mules?" "Because," replies the Paw Paw Corner Baxoo, "that is the only safe place to stand."

"I Found It So." McCormick, Ill., Sept. 28th.—Miss Ethel Bradshaw, of this place, has written a letter which is remarkable for the character of the statements it contains. As her letter will be read with interest, and probably with profit by many women, it has been thought advisable to publish it in part. Among other things Miss Bradshaw says:—

"I had Kidney Trouble with the various unpleasant symptoms which always come with that disease, and I have found a cure. I would strongly advise all who may be suffering with any form of Kidney Complaint to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, a remedy which I have found to be entirely satisfactory. "This remedy is within the reach of all and is all that is recommended to be. I found it so, and I therefore feel it my duty to tell others about it."

Dr. Danbury, of Benton, Ill., uses Dodd's Kidney Pills in his regular practice, and says they are the best medicine for Kidney Troubles. He claims they will cure Diabetes in the last stages.

Cholly—"That was a clever thing you said to Freschey last night." Miss Peppery—"Who told you?" Cholly—"Why, I—er—heard you say it." Miss Peppery—"Yes, but who told you it was clever?"—Philadelphia Press.

Skids—"Did your friend, Chesterius McRanter, the tragedian, enjoy his vacation?" Scads—"I can't say as to whether he enjoyed it or not, but the public did."—Baltimore American.

"Papa," said little Tommy Taddella, "what is the game of authors?" "The game of authors," Tommy, replied Mr. Taddella, "is to sell their books."—Smart Set.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill-manners.—Chesterfield.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Half of wisdom is in being silent when you have nothing to say.—Ram's Horn.

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Barber Used to Shaving Colorado Consumptives Always Gave Warning.

The man in the chair coughed suddenly and unexpectedly, states the Philadelphia Record. "Don't do that again," exclaimed the barber, with an unwarranted display of irritation. The man in the chair resented in somewhat lurid language this restriction of his personal liberty and intimated that he would cough whenever he felt like it. "All right, then, cough your head off, but don't blame me if I cut you," returned the barber. There was no more coughing, however, and the man in the chair made his escape without any injury. But, as he paid his check at the desk, he remarked to the boss barber: "Say, you want to give some nerve tonic to the fellow who just shaved me?" "Oh, don't mind him," replied the boss. "He's from Colorado and he's used to shaving consumptives. He was telling me the other day that he's been in the business for over 20 years and has shaved everything from a 16-year-old boy to an octogenarian drunkard, but his nerve went back on him when he drifted into Colorado Springs and started to shave the consumptive who hang out there. Ever since then a man with a cough gives him cold chills. Out there, he tells me, not a day goes by that some 'lunger' doesn't get a gash in his throat while being shaved."

Cheap Excursion to the South. On Oct. 20th the Kansas City Southern Ry. (Port Arthur Route) will run a cheap excursion from Kansas City and all stations in Missouri and Kansas to Lake Charles, Shreveport, Beaumont and Port Arthur. The rate for the round trip will be \$15, limited to 21 days from date of sale, good to stop over on going trip at all points en route, provided final destination is reached inside of 15 days from date of sale. This exceptionally low rate, together with the special help to withstand the wear and tear of the hot weather. I have taken it now for two summers and feel that it has kept my system free from malaria, and also kept me from having that worn-out, dragged out look which so many women have.

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Mrs. Addie Andrews, R. F. D. No. 1, Brodhead, Wis., writes: I received the free trial of Doan's Kidney Pills with much benefit. My little nephew was suffering terribly with kidney trouble from scarlet fever. Two doctors failed to help him and he finally went into spasms. His father gave him Doan's Kidney Pills and from the second dose

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Mrs. Tressie Nelson, 422 Broad St., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "As Peruna has done me a world of good, I feel in duty bound to tell of it, in hopes that it may meet the eye of some woman who has suffered as I have."

"For five years I really did not know what a perfectly well day was, and if I did not have headache, I had backache or a pain somewhere and really life was not worth the effort I made to keep going."

"A good friend advised me to use Peruna and I was glad to try anything, and I am very pleased to say that six bottles made a new woman of me and I have no more pains and life looks bright again."—Mrs. Tressie Nelson.



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