

HOBOS AT A BANQUET

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD "FEED" AT SWELL CHICAGO HOTEL.

Over One Hundred Attend Representative Gathering—Washington Flat Fails to Appear as Toastmaster, Owing to Police.

Chicago.—The hobos' banquet, given by the Brotherhood Welfare association at the Windsor-Clifford hotel the other night, was a huge success despite several little drawbacks, such as the nonattendance of Washington Flat, the toastmaster, who was driven out of town early in the afternoon by the police, and the departure of Philadelphia Jack and The Dancing Kid for San Francisco before the beer was served. They explained that they had to catch the 11:15 "Q." freight.

Dr. Ben L. Reitman and his aids in the new organization had searched the highways and byways of the city for a representative gathering of hobos and bums and beggars and they found them. There were more than a hundred present—some from the Bridewell, others from the municipal lodging house, Hogan's Flop, the New York house, and the barrel houses of West Madison street.

Several incidents marred the occasion, but no one minded. Fred the Bum, who was down for a speech on "Why I Hang Around Barrel Houses," picked up two many drinks before he came to the banquet and was found under the table when his name was called. "Shoestring Chase," a panhandler, scandalized his fellows when he was found improving the golden occasion by passing his hat among the hotel guests during a lull in the banquet.

A No. One, known as the Absent Member ("and never blamed the booze, boys"), whose name is written on every water tank between New York and Boston, and Yoken-Whitey, another professional hobo, threatened to depart at one stage of the speech-making, because the speakers were "not representative."

"Why, they don't know the diff between a hobo and a bum," said A. No. One. "I wouldn't associate with a snide that carries the banner. Why don't they let a smart man talk?"

After a dinner as good as a group of bankers or merchants could want, the long program began. Bum Mitt Casey interspersed the course with big chews of tobacco, and Fred the Bum insisted on singing "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-Night?"

The regular program began with a poem by Chicago Tommy, entitled "The Face on the Barroom Floor." It was a long poem, recited with deep gravity, and was the story of a hobo, Ostler Joe, who told a crowd of saloon loafers how he had fallen, illustrating his story by drawing the face of his lost angel wife in chalk on the floor, and then falling dead. It had a mighty effect.

Fred the Bum was called on, but could not respond, so his chum, the Rocky Mountain Lemon, got up to respond. He started off nobly, saying: "They do not love who do not show their love," but A. No. One yelled:

"Sit down. You're no hobo. You work. You ain't respectable." So the Lemon sat down.

John Smith, a hard faced young man with a collar on, told why the criminal has a hard face. He said he had spent 14 years in penitentiaries, beginning his first term at the age of 14. He said it was worry that made the lines.

Old Man Steers, 76 years of age, told a pitiful story of seeking work in Chicago, and how he was turned down everywhere. "My father told me never to be afraid of work," he said, "and I attribute my failure to the fact that I followed Horace Greeley's advice and came west."

Willie, the ex-society man, told how to reform society. He wore a genteel brown beard, a collar, and held his cigar according to the best custom. The Louisville Kid recited a poem called "The Scale."

German Fritz and Ohio Skip, down on the program, left word they had gone to New York on the bumpers. Before the Dancing Kid left for Frisco he sang a song about "There's always a Mother Waiting at Home for You."

IN THE SEWING ROOM.

"You are a pushing sort," said the Scissors to the Thimble.

"Yes," replied the latter, "but I'd like your life better. It's just ripping. And you?" to the Needle.

"Well," replied the latter, "my life is just sew-sew. But then though not a blunt individual, I generally come to the point."

"Oh, you have an eye to things," interposed the Pin, "but I generally control matters by my head work."

"I am sorry," remarked the Spool, "that I can't be serious, for I'm in a continuous round."

But here the seamstress appeared and soon all felt themselves in pretty much of a box.—Baltimore American.

A WONDERFUL GAIN.

A Utah Pioneer Tells a Remarkable Story.

J. W. Browning, 1011 22d St., Ogden, Utah, a pioneer who crossed the plains in 1848, says:

"Five years ago the doctors said I had diabetes. My kidneys were all out of order, I had to rise often at night, looked sallow, felt dull and listless and had lost 40 pounds. My back ached and I had spells of rheumatism and dizziness. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of these troubles and have kept me well for a year past. Though 75 years old, I am in good health."

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Where He Met Him. He was one of those smart men who like to show their cleverness.

"Watch me take a rise out of him," he said, as the tramp approached. Then he listened solemnly to the tale of hard luck.

"That's the same old story you told me the last time you accosted me," he said, when the vagrant had finished.

"Is it?" was the answering question. "When did I tell it to you?"

"Last week."

"Mebbe I did, mebbe I did," admitted the tramp. "I'd forgotten meeting you. I was in jail all last week."

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Piety.

In a recent number of a German magazine a writer offers a variant of the tale lately published in a book of children's true sayings, which relates how two small girls tried to sit on one stool, and one of them remarked: "If one of us was to get off the stool, there would be more room for me." The Teutonic version tells how a German sat by the bedside of his dying wife and murmured piously: "If it pleases the good God to take one of us, I shall go to Berlin."

Fine-Looking Royal Couple.

The king and queen of Denmark are indeed a regal-looking couple. King Frederick is a giant in stature while his consort is the tallest royal woman in Europe. She is also the richest, having inherited a great deal of property from her father, the late King Charles of Sweden, besides the immense fortune of her mother, who was one of the richest heiresses of the nineteenth century. Her majesty is deeply religious.

Famous Moslem Bell.

On the watch tower of the Vela, at the Alhambra, Spain, there is a silver-toned bell which the Moslems used to ring as a signal to let on the water in the gardens and the fountain in the city below. Its sound can be heard at Liga, 30 miles away. The maiden who strikes it to-day is sure of a husband before the year is out, and of a good one if she rings loud enough. On certain fete days it is lively for the bell.

CHILDREN SHOWED IT.

Effect of Their Warm Drink in the Morning.

"A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of nervousness.

"I was telling a friend about it and she said, 'We drink nothing at meal time but Postum Food Coffee, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy drinking with the children.'"

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"There's a Reason." Read the famous little "Health Classic," "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

ALMOST FELT ENVY PANGS.

Great Cricketer's Simple Tribute to His Own Worth.

In 1885 there was a great celebration in London in honor of Dr. Samuel Johnson, and among those in attendance was the Australian "crack" cricketer, Bonner, then at the height of his fame.

As one of the guests, says the compiler of the recently published "Letters" of the late Dr. George Birkbeck Hill, Bonner's health was proposed. His response was noteworthy.

"After seeing the way in which Dr. Johnson's memory is revered," he said, with great simplicity, "I am not sure that I would not rather have been such a man than have gained my own greatest triumphs in cricket."—Youth's Companion.

SORES AS BIG AS PENNIES.

Whole Head and Neck Covered—Hair All Came Out—Cured in Three Weeks by Cuticura.

"After having the measles my whole head and neck were covered with scaly sores about as large as a penny. They were just as thick as they could be. My hair all came out. I let the trouble run along, taking the doctor's blood remedies and rubbing on salve, but it did not seem to get any better. It stayed that way for about six months; then I got a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about a week I noticed a big difference, and in three weeks it was well entirely and I have not had the trouble any more, and as this was seven years ago, I consider myself cured. Mrs. Henry Porter, Albion, Neb., Aug. 25, 1906."

Medicine of Bamboo Sap.

In India the sap of the female bamboo tree is used for medicinal purposes. "Tabasheer," or "banslochan," is sold in all Indian bazars, as it has been known from the earliest times as a medicinal agent. It is also known in Borneo, and was an article of commerce with early Arab traders of the east. Its properties are said to be strengthening, tonic and cooling. It has been analyzed and has been shown to consist almost entirely of silica, with traces of lime and potash. From its remarkable occurrence in the hollows of bamboos the eastern mind has long associated it with miraculous powers.

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An Anarchist.

"That air thin chicken with th' draggled feathers," remarked the old farmer, "I call th' anarchist."

"Why do you call him that?" queried the summer boarder.

"'Cause he spends so much time chasin' th' other chickens t' git their vittles away from 'em he ain't got no time t' hustle fer none fer hisself," explained the old granger.

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Outspoken Criticism.

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Longbow—Oh, yes!
Wise—I see you, for instance.

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